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'62% rural houses have tap water connections'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Around 62% of rural households in India have fully functional tap water connections within their premises, according to a survey commissioned by the Union Ministry of Water Resources to assess the functioning of the government's marquee Jal Jeevan Mission.

In June, the Centre reported this figure to be 52%.

Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, and Puducherry reported more than 80% of households with fully functional connections, while fewer than half the households in Rajasthan, Kerala, Manipur, Tripura, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Sikkim had such connections.

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Chaos unleashed: Security officials amid tear gas smoke during a football match at Kanjuruhan Stadium in East Java on Saturday. AP

At least 125 killed in Indonesia football stadium stampede

Reuters
MALANG, INDONESIA

A stampede at a football stadium in Indonesia killed at least 125 people and injured more than 320 after the police sought to quell violence on the pitch, authorities said on Sunday, in one of the world's worst stadium disasters.

Officers fired tear gas to disperse agitated supporters of the losing home side who had invaded the pitch after the final whistle in Malang, East Java, on Saturday night, the region's police chief said.

Local officials had put the death toll at 174, but East Java Deputy Governor Emil Dardak said the number of fatalities had subsequently been revised down to 125. The earlier figure may have included duplicate fatalities, he said.

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I am in presidential race to strengthen Congress: Kharge

The 80-year-old leader says he had reached out to his electoral opponent to pitch for a 'consensus' candidate; Shashi Tharoor reiterates right to contest, calls for presidential debate between them

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Asserting that he has joined the Congress presidential race to strengthen the party and not to oppose anyone, senior leader Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday said he had reached out to his rival candidate, Shashi Tharoor, to pitch for a "consensus" candidate.

Mr. Tharoor, however, reiterated his democratic right to contest the election, Mr. Kharge said.

In a separate interview to the news agency PTI, Mr. Tharoor talked about having a presidential debate to understand the vision of each candidate. Rejecting the call, Mr. Kharge said growing unemployment, rising inflation, widening gap between the rich and the poor and unfulfilled promises of the BJP were the main issues that he would focus on.

Mallikarjun Kharge, centre, Deepender Singh Hooda, left, and Syed Naseer Husain in New Delhi on Sunday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Launching his campaign on Mahatma Gandhi's 153rd birth anniversary, Mr. Kharge responded to being labelled as the "establishment candidate", and said he entered the polls after senior and young leaders alike urged him to enter the fray.

At a press conference, Mr. Kharge said he had decided to step down as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha in keeping with the "one person, one post" principle. "After polls, any decision for reform will be taken jointly and not by one person," he said.

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Gehlot says he can't ditch MLAs who stood by him

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Sunday said that he could not ditch the MLAs who 'saved' his government in 2020 and wondered why they resented the name of a new Chief Minister. His comments are a veiled attack on Sachin Pilot, who was believed to be the high command's choice as the successor to Mr. Gehlot.

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Hebbal flyover to get 2 more lanes

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The BDA has decided to restart the construction to add two lanes to the Hebbal flyover that was halted two years ago.

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Case filed against 14 JD(S) workers

BENGALURU
Channapatna Rural police have booked cases against 14 JD(S) workers on the charge of hurling stones and eggs at former Minister and BJP MLC C.P. Yogeshwar's car.

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ED directs Shivakumar to appear before it on October 7

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In less than a week after the CBI reviewed properties of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar at Kanakapura in the disproportionate assets case, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has asked him to appear before it on October 7 in connection with the *Young India* and *National Herald* case.

The move by ED comes amidst the Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra that is traversing through Karnataka, and was confirmed by Mr. Shivakumar to reporters on Sunday.

"I have been issued notice to appear before ED on October 7. After harassing AICC president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, they have called me for questioning. They have called me and my brother D.K. Suresh (MP for Bengaluru Rural) that too when the Bharat Jodo Yatra is on in Karnataka," he said.

Stating that he would cooperate in the investigation, Mr. Shivakumar, however, said that he would seek time to appear before it. "I will have to be with Mr. Rahul Gandhi when he meets the seer of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Nirmalananda Swami, on October 7. This is an important event and my presence is required. In the light of this, I have sought time and I hope ED officials will understand my situation and agree to my request."

Mr. Shivakumar said: "The chargesheet has been filed already. Only the case pertaining to disproportionate assets has been handed over to CBI. However, those cases in which others are facing charges of disproportionate assets have been given to ACB. The government handed over the DA case to CBI even after the Advocate-General opined that this was not a case fit to be given to the Central agency. All this is being done to harass me politically." Instead of harassing me, officials should go according to the law in my case, he added.

Cynosure of all eyes

Huge crowds gather outside the illuminated palace in Mysuru. A large number of tourists are flocking to the city of palaces to experience Dasara. M.A. SRIRAM

Sonia Gandhi to join Bharat Jodo Yatra on October 6

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Sonia Gandhi will join the on-going *Bharat Jodo Yatra* on October 6, sources said on Sunday.

It will be the first time that Ms. Gandhi will be joining the *padayatra* that began on September 7 from Kanniyakumari.

The source cited above said that Ms. Gandhi was likely to spend a couple of days in Kodagu before joining the *yatra* on Thursday. It was Ms. Gandhi who had made the *yatra* mandatory for every party member.

MSME imports hit after rupee's free fall against greenback

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The Indian rupee hit a fresh record low against the dollar on Wednesday closing at 81.94, further impacting the import activities of the MSME community in Karnataka adversely.

The raw material import bills of micro, small and medium enterprises in Karnataka have gone up at least 20% to 25% in the last six months as the rupee continued to slide, as per trade body data.

What they import

Karnataka has at least 5,000 MSMEs who regularly import various raw materials, such as metal sheets and metal wires, industrial paints, chemicals, engineering and electric items, machine tools and automotive items from global markets to run their factories and small production units in the State.

"The import bills of these companies have gone up substantially with the fall of rupee. They are now paying at least ₹84 or even more per dollar value of imports. This is certainly not a viable scenario. Some firms have stopped imports and currently facing production issues," K.N. Narasimha Murthy, president, KASSIA, told *The Hindu*.

Transaction charges

Not just that, as import cost have gone up, the import duty component has also increased. As the quantum of money involved has increased, bank transaction charges have risen too. The logistics and landing costs have also increased, mostly paid in dollars, by 5% to 10%. In addition to all these, the finished products attract 18% GST in local markets.

"Small and medium manufacturers are caught in a cascade of issues with regard to the import, this is when they are already facing other existential crisis," said Mr. Murthy.

Increase in cost

As production cost has gone up, MSMEs are forced to increase the market cost of their final products in the local markets and export markets.

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Rahul visits khadi centre at Badanavalu

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 153rd birth anniversary on Sunday by visiting the Khadi Gramodyog Centre at Badanavalu village near Mysuru on Sunday.

Mr. Rahul Gandhi, who is leading the Bharat Jodo Yatra that has now reached Mysuru district, drove early on Sunday morning to Badanavalu, which was visited by Mahatma Gandhi in 1927.

In Badanavalu, Mr. Gandhi participated in a prayer meeting, where devotional songs and bhajans were sung, and paid floral tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. Apart from planting a sapling at the Khadi Gramudyog Centre, Mr. Gandhi interacted with women weavers of the centre and heard their woes.

Rahul Gandhi and Congress leader Siddaramaiah at the Khadi Gramodyog Centre at Badanavalu village, near Mysuru, on Sunday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Gandhi was accompanied by a host of leaders including former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, KPCC Chief D.K. Shivakumar besides AICC General Secretaries Randeep Singh Surjewala and K.C. Venugopal.

Meawhile, Rahul Gandhi released a statement from Badanavalu and said the party had "embarked on a battle with the very ideology that killed Gandhi".

"Today, on his 153rd birth anniversary, we are at the Badanavalu Khadi Gramodyaga Kendra that Mahatma Gandhi visited in 1927. We remember and pay our respects to that great son of India. Our remembering is made more poignant by the fact that we are on the 25th day of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, a padyatra in which we are walking his path of ahimsa, unity, equality and justice", the statement said.

"Just as Gandhiji fought the British Raj, we are today embarked on a battle with the very ideology that killed him. This ideology has delivered inequality, divisiveness and the erosion of our hard-won freedoms in the past eight years. Against this politics of himsa and asatya, the Bharat Jodo Yatra will spread the message of Ahimsa and Swaraj from Kanyakumari to Kashmir," he said in the statement.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

An Indonesia soccer match turns deadly due to stampede

125 The death toll from a stampede caused by a chaotic run for exits after police fired tear gas at an Indonesian soccer match to drive away fans upset with their team's loss. Violence broke out after the game ended Saturday with host Arema FC of East Java's Malang city losing to Persebaya of Surabaya. Most of those who died were trampled upon or suffocated. AP

Foreign portfolio investors become net sellers in September

7,600 In ₹ crore, the amount pulled out by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from Indian equity markets amid the hawkish stance by the U.S. Fed and free fall of the rupee. This comes after a net investment of ₹51,200 crore in August and nearly ₹5,000 crore in July. Total outflow by FPIs has now reached ₹1.68 lakh crore. PTI

A growth in power consumption hints at an economic recovery

13.31 The % by which power consumption grew on an annual basis to 127.39 billion units in September. Experts opined that the double-digit growth in power consumption ahead of the festivities in October indicate a considerable surge in industrial and commercial demand for electricity, which points towards economic recovery. PTI

RBI expects inflation to fall next year as supply shocks ease

5.2 In percent, RBI's forecast for retail inflation in the next financial year beginning April, down from the 6.7% it had forecast for the current year. The pressure might ease next fiscal assuming normal rains and further normalisation of global supply chains without any exogenous shocks. Inflation remains at unacceptably high levels, the central bank said in a report. PTI

Deaths and protests related to Iran's Mahsa Amini continue

92 The number of people who have been killed in Iran due to a crack down on women-led protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini after her arrest by the morality police. Solidarity rallies with Iranian women — who have burnt the hijabs they have had to wear since the 1979 Islamic revolution — have been held worldwide, with protests in more than 150 cities. AFP

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The rise of the far-right in Italy

How did the Brothers of Italy, a party formed only in 2012, gain such popular support? What are the factors which led to its rise to power? How is the European Union looking at the developments in the country, known for its political volatility?

EXPLAINER

Padmashree Anandhan

The story so far:

On September 25, the right alliance, the left alliance, the Five-Star Movement and other traditional autonomous parties competed in Italy's snap elections. Among the four coalitions, the right alliance headed by Giorgia Meloni from Brothers of Italy with the League, Forza-Italia, and Nio Moderati emerged as the clear winner. It won with a majority of 237 seats in the Chamber of Duties (lower house) and 115 seats in the Deputies of the Senate (upper house). The left alliance led by Enrico Letta from the Democratic Party including the Green/left alliance, Più Europa, and Impegno Civico were able to secure only 85 and 44 seats in both houses.

Who are the Brothers of Italy?

The Brothers of Italy was founded in 2012 by Giorgia Meloni after her exit from the Former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's party. It included members from the Italian Social Movement (MSI), which was created by the supporters of Benito Mussolini. Starting from 2% in the 2013 elections, the Brothers of Italy gained a quick margin of 26% by 2022, surprising other traditional parties of Italy.

The main reason behind the rise of the party was the failure of other political parties. Mr. Berlusconi's threat to dissolve the government to pass the 2005 electoral reform, the shift of the League party to the Five Star Movement from the right alliance after the 2018 elections and a break in the coalition between Italia Viva, the Democratic Party and the Five Star Movement in 2021, damaged the credibility of these parties.

On the other hand, the Brothers of Italy, neither changed its partnership nor its identity and used the failure of other parties to its benefit. The party's main focus includes stabilising financial markets, keeping debt in check and meeting Italy's energy crisis without regional dependency. It has managed to keep true to its fascist roots even when it entered mainstream politics. Externally, the party focusses on transatlantic relations, siding with Europe in standing against Russia.

Quick ascent: The leader of the Brothers of Italy Giorgia Meloni speaks at the party's headquarters, in Rome, Italy on September 26. REUTERS

In power, the Brothers of Italy will now have to address two major challenges. First is Italy's economy which is heading towards contraction, besides COVID-19 induced debt, and energy crises, while the second challenge comes from within the coalition.

What does Italy's new coalition mean for Europe?

The region as a whole is alarmed by the majority won by the Brothers of Italy party. This is mainly due to two factors, one being the party's history of being evolved from Mussolini and containing members who are known for neo-fascist origins. Although Ms. Meloni's stance on EU's policies in terms of energy price cap, sanctions on Russia seem to be in line with the EU, Italian nationalism has always been the underlining priority. Ms. Meloni shares similar views with Hungarian leader Victor Orban with respect to the economy and issues regarding abortion, LGBTQ rights and migration, sending mixed signals for regional cooperation.

Secondly, Italy is one of the most volatile countries in the region in terms of political stability, with more than 65 governments coming to power since the end of the Second World War. The frequent breaking and making of coalition due to the misrule of Mr. Berlusconi, the shifting of the League party between coalitions, and the rain of reforms under each government has pushed Italy into a prolonged political crisis. Europe does not wish to see yet another government coalition break nor does it want Italy becoming another Hungary. Therefore, dilemma over stability and cooperation hangs in the air for the EU.

What is next for Italy?

In the past, most parties have concentrated more towards sustaining themselves in power by campaigning for electoral reform. They kept issues of identity, economy, and security in the backstage. The Brothers of Italy have shown that they intend to put Italy first and regional issues on the backburner. This indicates that the upcoming government will be more Italy-centric than Euro-centric.

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THE GIST

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The main reason behind the rise of the party was the failure of other political parties. The Brothers of Italy never changed its partnership or its identity. In terms of policy, Ms. Meloni has always kept Italy first. The party's main focus includes stabilising financial markets, keeping debt in check and meeting Italy's energy crisis without regional dependency. It has managed to keep true to its fascist roots even when it entered mainstream politics.

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What happened to the Nord Stream pipelines?

Why do international bodies think that the leaks to the pipelines were the result of sabotage? What are going to be the environmental effects of such a leak?

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

Four leaks were reported at different points in the Nord Stream pipelines, linking Russia and Europe, since September 26. Two of the leaks were in Swedish waters while the other two were reported from Danish waters. The European Union said they suspected "sabotage" behind the leaks while the Russian Foreign Ministry said that the ruptures to the pipelines took place in territory that was "fully under the control" of U.S. intelligence agencies.

What are the Nord Stream pipelines?

The $7.1 (€7.4) billion Nord Stream 1 subsea pipeline has been operational since 2011, and is the largest single supply route for Russian gas to Europe. The Russian state-owned gas company Gazprom has a majority ownership in the pipeline, and while it was running at just 20% of its capacity since the Russia-Ukraine conflict began, the company, in early September fully cut gas flows from the pipeline on the pretext of maintenance. According to *Bloomberg*, while 40% of Europe's pipeline gas came from Russia before the war, the number now stands at just 9%. The construction of the $11 billion-worth Nord Stream 2 was completed in 2021 but never began commercial operations. Even though both pipelines were not running commercially, they had millions of cubic metres of gas stored in them.

What is the extent of the damage?

Denmark's defence authority released footage of the bubbles forming on the surface of the sea resulting from gas spewing from the pipelines. The Danish Energy Agency said that while half of the gas stored in Nord Stream 1 and 2 had leaked out of the ruptures, the remaining volume was expected to escape by Sunday. Both Danish and Swedish seismologists picked up undersea explosions near the locations of the first two leaks before they occurred. Bjorn Lund of Sweden's National Seismology Centre told *BBC* that there was "no doubt that these were explosions".

What will be the impact of the leaks?

The Swiss-based operator of the pipelines, the Nord Stream AG consortium, said on Tuesday, "the destruction that happened within one day at three lines of the Nord Stream pipeline system is unprecedented. It's impossible now to estimate the timeframe for restoring operations of the gas shipment infrastructure." *Al Jazeera* quoted Eurasia Group analysts as saying, that with the timeframe for repairs being uncertain, the pipelines were unlikely to provide any gas to Europe in the forthcoming winter months, even if the political will to resume supply was found.

European gas prices spiked after reports of the leaks emerged; European Benchmark prices rose 12% on Tuesday, while Dutch and British Prices continued to rise on Wednesday. Additionally, while analysts have not yet quantified the environmental impact of the leaks, *Reuters* quoted the commercial methane-measuring satellite firm GHGSat as saying that a "conservative estimate" based on available data suggested that the leaks together were releasing more than 500 metric tonnes of methane per hour when first breached, with the flow decreasing over time.

What have international bodies said?

Ukraine called the leaks a "terrorist attack" and an "act of aggression towards the EU" planned by Russia. Incidentally, Russia said that the leaks were an act of "terrorism" possibly by a state-actor. While the EU and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization called the leaks acts of sabotage, they did not name a country. The U.S. also hasn't blamed any specific actor for the leaks, with National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan stating that the country would stay committed to protecting Europe's energy security.

THE GIST

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Vintage beauties

Going for a spin: People taking part in a vintage car and bike rally, 'Historic Drive for Wildlife Conservation', from the Vidhana Soudha on Sunday. It was organised as part of the 68th Wildlife Week-2022, by the Forest Department. K. MURALI KUMAR

After being stalled in 2019, BDA to restart construction of two more lanes to Hebbal flyover

BMRCL had raised objections that the construction of an additional loop to the existing flyover for motorists coming from KIA would come in the way of the alignment, proposed under phase III of Namma Metro from Kempapura to J.P. Nagar

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has decided to restart the construction to add two lanes to the Hebbal flyover that was halted three years ago.

In 2019, citing objections from Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), the project was stalled midway.

The BMRCL had raised objections that the construction of an additional loop to the existing flyover for motorists coming from the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to enter the city would come in the way of the alignment proposed under phase III of Namma Metro from Kempapura to J.P. Nagar. The BDA had already constructed 13 pillars out of the 40 planned for adding the additional two lanes.

Meanwhile, the Rail Infrastructure Technical Engineering Services (RITES) was tasked with a study to identify solutions to decongest the traffic gridlock and accommodate future expansion of other mass transit systems. Recently, the BDA proposed plans to decongest the Hebbal flyover junction, including construction of additional lanes for motorists coming from the airport and entering the city, construction of a new flyover for the traffic from K.R. Puram by linking a branch with the main lanes of the flyover, and connecting other lanes with the national highway.

The unused pillars that the Bangalore Development Authority had erected to build additional loops on Hebbal flyover. K. MURALI KUMAR

> The State government had directed the BDA to float a fresh tender to restart the work. However, no one had come forward to do the work that was stopped midway as there are many challenges involved
>
> **S.R. VISHWANATH,** BDA chairman

The BDA had not fully agreed with the plans proposed by the RITES while incorporating these plans. Officials of the BDA maintain that a majority of the proposals are not feasible and require land acquisition.

BDA chairman S.R. Vishwanth said: "The BDA has decided to restart the project by incorporating future expansions. The State government had directed the BDA to float a fresh tender to restart the work. However, no one had come forward to do the work that was stopped midway as there are many challenges involved. They will not be ready to take the blame if something goes wrong. We have apprised the government that it would be better if the old contractor himself continues the work."

According to the original plan that was cleared in 2015-16, along with the construction of additional loops, the BDA also wanted to construct a uni-directional underpass for traffic from the Tumakuru Road side to K.R. Puram.

The BDA had spent ₹25 crore for the half-completed work.

As per the plan, the up ramp of the proposed lane starts near the road, which is being used by motorists coming from the Esteem Mall side and moving towards Tumakuru Road.

The down ramp with two lanes will end near the Baptist Hospital connecting the main lanes that lead to Mekhri Circle.

Metro line will go at level two, says BMRCL MD

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) now says there is no problem with the construction of additional lanes if they are built at level one that is parallel to the existing flyover.

MD of BMRCL Anjum Parwez said: "We do not see any problem with the construction of additional lanes if they are built at level one that is parallel to the existing flyover. These things are being conveyed to the BDA. Our proposed metro line under phase III will go at level two. It will come from the Kempapura side and head towards the BEL Circle".

The proposed metro station under the ORR-airport line will come up near the bus depot of the BMTC.

READER'S MAIL

Paid parking under flyovers

Sir, – The BBMP plans to build skating rinks, parks, basketball courts under flyovers. Instead, the space could be used for paid parking of vehicles.

G. Padmanabhan,
Bengaluru

Replace skywalk with subway

Sir, – The BBMP has erected a skywalk across the two parallel roads at K.R. Puram market area. But very few people use it. The BBMP may kindly consider replacing it with a subway, so that the people can cross the roads easily and the space could be let out to vendors.

N. Shantha Kumar,
Bengaluru

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Customs officials seize gold and e-cigarettes from three Dubai passengers at KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Customs officials at the Kempegowda International Airport on Friday seized e-cigarettes and gold, which were being illegally smuggled from Dubai.

According to the officials, three passengers, who had come to Bengaluru from Dubai, were illegally smuggling gold weighing 729.3 grams, valued at ₹36.97 lakh.

E-cigarettes worth ₹22.16 lakh have also been seized and a case has been registered.

Based on specific intelligence, officials intercepted the three passengers at the airport.

In another incident, seven crude gold pieces of foreign origin were seized from a person who had come from Mumbai.

In another incident, seven crude gold cut pieces of foreign origin, weighing 409 grams, were seized from a person who had come from Mumbai.

A case has been registered by the Customs and an investigation is under way.

CACHE

The race to provide exhaustive satellite broadband services in India

While satellite communication companies can help in addressing the need of the market for fibre-like connectivity in the remotest parts of the country, one will also have to deal with slow Internet speeds and limited satellite bandwidths because of the distance the signals will have to travel

Abhishek Chatterjee

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The race for providing satellite broadband connectivity in India is heating up as companies like Jio, Oneweb, Hughes and Tata-backed Nelco are preparing to provide these services.

Satellite communication has been gaining prominence globally and is seeing a lot of interest, investments, and innovations. The two biggest developments in the global satellite communication space are the emergence of LEO (low-earth orbit constellations) that promises to provide truly global coverage and lower latency service, and HTS (High Throughput Satellites Service) which offers unprecedented capacity and flexibility. India is quickly catching up with global trends and we are optimistic about India's prospects in the global satellite communication market, Shivaji Chatterjee, executive vice president, Hughes Communications India (HCI) said to *The Hindu*. Although the satellite broadband industry in India is still at a nascent stage, the growing demand for connectivity and Internet – the Digital India drive – calls to connect all unserved terrains and this is what satellite broadband players like Hughes can do, he added.

However, different reports indicate that although India is about to see the roll out of 5G services, infrastructure woes like inadequate tower fiberisation questions the success of 5G in connecting different parts of the country which do not have even 4G access till now.

Different satcom players

Different players offering satellite broadband services are preparing to start operations in the country.

Jio has received approval from the Department of Telecommunication (DoT), in the second week of this month, to provide satellite broadband services in India. Earlier, in February this year, Jio Platforms Ltd, the digital arm of Reliance Industries (RIL), and Luxembourg's SES, formed a joint venture, Jio Space Technology Ltd to provide satellite-based broadband services in India. The DoT has granted the Letter of Intent for global mobile personal communication by satellite (GMPCS) services to the company that the firm had applied for earlier this year. The licences are for a period of 20 years and include voice and data services via satellite.

Parallelly, in January this year, satellite communication companies, OneWeb and Hughes Network Systems, announced a six-year agreement, to bring low Earth orbit (LEO) connectivity services in India. OneWeb will then bring these solutions to enterprises, governments, telcos, airline companies and maritime customers. However, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis forced OneWeb to cancel the planned launch of 36 satellites on Russia's Soyuz rockets after Russia cancelled its agreement with the Bharti-backed U.K. based company. This led the satellite major to delay the commercial launch of its satellite communication services in India to early 2023.

OneWeb has also partnered with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Elon Musk's SpaceX to resume its satellite launches. The pending release of the new Spacecom policy by the Department of Space brings a layer of uncertainty over the launch of commercial services in India. The policy is supposed to lay out the guidelines on which the newly liberalised space sector will operate.

Satcom companies reckon that satellite broadband services can connect the most remote parts of the country which are otherwise difficult to connect through fibres

Satellite service provider Hughes Communications India, (HCI) and Bharti Airtel announced a joint venture in January to provide satellite broadband services in India. The joint venture was created after the agreement, announced in May 2019 and received all statutory approvals, including those from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and Department of Telecom. Last week, HCI also announced the commercial launch of India's first HTS broadband service to deliver high-speed broadband across the country, including to the most remote areas beyond the reach of terrestrial networks. HTS provides more throughput than conventional communication satellites.
Higher-throughput refers to higher data processing and transfer capacity than conventional satellites, while using the same amount of orbital spectrum.

Tata-owned satcom company Nelco, and Canada's Telesat have also successfully conducted the first in-orbit demonstration of high-speed broadband connectivity in India in May this year. Telesat services will deliver significant benefits for applications like 4G/5G backhaul, mobile hotspots, telemedicine, village connectivity and more, P. J. Nath, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of NELCO said in a press release. Telesat will also help accelerate 4G and 5G expansion, and set new levels of performance for enterprise, telecom, mobility and government broadband connectivity on land, air and sea, Glenn Katz, Telesat's Chief Commercial Officer said in a release.

Changing the Internet landscape

Satcom companies reckon that satellite broadband services can connect the most remote parts of the country which are otherwise difficult to connect through fibres. Satellite broadband services can, therefore, help in addressing the need of the market for fibre-like connectivity in the remotest parts of the country with high reliability and flexibility, Mr. Nath said. Mr. Chatterjee also echoed the sentiment by stating that the rollout of satellite broadband communication services can close the digital divide in India.

For example, Hughes India has partnered with Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited (BBNL) and Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd. (TCIL), as part of BharatNet, to provide high-speed satellite connectivity to 5,000 remote gram panchayats. These panchayats are located in northeastern States, including Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, and the Galwan Valley in Eastern Ladakh – places that lack terrestrial connectivity like fibre or cable. With the Bharatnet project, India aims to better facilitate e-governance applications like telemedicine, access to land records, treasury, police stations, Internet access, and many other services in rural India. "We are going to see a very open market space where there is going to be, foreign operators, In Flight and Maritime Connectivity (IFMC) providers, Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) service providers, all of them being able to provide connectivity and, they will all be able to service this whole ecosystem of mobility on land, on water and in the air," Mr. Chatterjee said.

Challenges ahead

Satellite data transfer provides very slow Internet speeds and limited satellite bandwidth because of the distances the signals have to travel and all the potential obstacles in between, according to Resilio, a technology company.
Connection times can also be impacted by your surroundings, the length of your message, and the status and availability of the satellite network.

However, if the user is located under trees with light or medium foliage it might take over a minute to send a message, while the same message takes 15 seconds to be sent in ideal conditions with a direct view of the sky and the horizon. Users might not be able to connect to a satellite at all if they are located under heavy foliage or surrounded by other obstructions, Apple said in a blog earlier this month. The Emergency SOS via satellite might not also work in places above 62° latitude like northern parts of Canada and Alaska.

Additionally, satellite Internet latency can be a significant problem. This can be a matter of only a second or two, but a delay on that scale can seriously affect real-time applications like video chats. Unlike terrestrial communications, minor changes in weather can have a massive impact on both the speed and latency of satellite data, according to Resilio.
Because satellite networks are complex, satellite Internet providers like Hughes often charge based on throughput. This along with the complex equipment like satellite dishes being used to avail these services makes the service expensive, the company added.

KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

The language of Old Blighty

One cannot use invent and discover interchangeably, for you see, inventing is not the same as discovering

S. Upendran

What is the difference between 'discover' and 'invent'? (J. Rukmani, Chennai)

When you 'discover' something, you find something that had already existed; perhaps it was hidden, and therefore, couldn't be seen. You are not creating anything new; you are merely finding something that was already there. For example, America existed long before Columbus discovered it in 1492. Similarly, if you discover treasure under your garage, you are finding something that had already been there for some time. But the discovery is something 'new' for you; you were not aware of its existence before your discovery. Others, however, may have been aware of it. You may intentionally set out to discover something or you may discover something quite accidentally.'Invention', on the other hand, suggests the creation of something new, something which did not exist before. Alexander Graham Bell, for example, invented the electric light bulb – nothing like it had existed before his invention. It was not new just for the inventor, but for everyone.

The explorers discovered gold deep inside the cave. I want to invent a machine which will enable people to lose weight in five minutes.

Can children in kindergarten be called 'wards'? (Chandran Murugan, Palani)

There are some people in our country who refer to their own child as their 'ward'. The word comes from the Old English 'weard' meaning 'watchman' or 'sentry keeper'. A ward, therefore, was someone who provided protection. Today, in native varieties of English, the word is mostly used in legal contexts to refer to a child who is under the legal protection of the court or an individual appointed by the court – a guardian. Such a child is usually referred to as 'the ward of court'. A kindergarten teacher calling her students 'wards' would be considered strange by native speakers of English.

Why is Britain sometimes referred to as 'old Blighty'? (P. Shivkumar, Ongole)

Initially, it was just 'Blighty'; the 'old' was added much later. Blighty has nothing to do with the word 'blight', meaning 'something that spoils or has a bad effect on something; often, for a long time'. Blighty is India's contribution to the English language. According to scholars, the word is a corruption of the Hindi 'vilayathi', meaning 'foreigner'. In some dialects of Hindi, the word is pronounced 'bilayathi'. In the 1800s, people in the north of India began to refer to the English and their country as 'vilayathi'. Soon, the British soldiers in India adopted this word and began to use it to refer to Britain.

John is planning to visit old Blighty sometime next month.
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THE DAILY QUIZ

On September 30, Asha Parekh became the latest recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke award. A quiz on the prestigious honour and its awardees over the years

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
Who was the inaugural winner of the award that was given in 1969 at the 17th National Film Awards?

QUESTION 2
Apart from the honour citation, what do the winners get as part of the award?

QUESTION 3
In 1987, history was made when the progeny of the 1971 winner was honoured with the same award. Name both.

QUESTION 4
Four sets of siblings, including two sisters, have received the award. Name the two women who won in 1989 and 2000 respectively.

QUESTION 5
The 2017 award was given posthumously for only the second time in the history of the award. Who was the winner and name the first such awardee.

QUESTION 6
Asha Parekh is one of the seven women to be conferred the award. The 1973 winner was born Ruby Myers. What was her screen name?

QUESTION 7
In 1981, a film composer was honoured for the first time with the Phalke award. Name the legend.

Visual question:
Name this lyricist bestowed with the honour in 1993. FILE PHOTO

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the September 30 version of the daily quiz: 1. The theme of the 2021 translation day. **Ans: United in translation**
2. This writer holds the Guinness World Record for the most translated book. **Ans: Antoine De Saint-Exupéry for his book *Le Petit Prince* (The little Prince)**
3. In 2009, this global bank's rebranding campaign failed due to the mistranslation of this tagline. **Ans: HSBC bank; the tagline was Assume Nothing**
4. The eight languages Google Translate added to its arsenal in 2022. **Ans: Sanskrit, Bhojpuri, Dogri, Mizo, Assamese, Konkani, Maithili, and Meiteilon.**
5. A segment in a late night TV show featured a singer singing a translated version of this hit 2019 song. **Ans: 'Bad Guy' by Billy Eilish**
6. This translator won the JCB Prize for Literature for her debut translation of this novel. **Ans: Shahnaz Habib, *Jasmine Days***
7. This film deals with the complex theme of language shaping our reality. **Ans: Arrival**
Visual: This painting shows the patron saint of translators. **Ans: St. Jerome. September 30 celebrates the feast of St. Jerome**
Early Birds: Madhvi Sharma| M. Thaha Ibrahim Buhari
Compiled by: V. V. Ramanan

Word of the day

Fortuitous:
having no cause or apparent cause; occurring by happy chance

Synonyms: causeless, unexpected

Usage: *The company's profits were enhanced by a fortuitous drop in the cost of raw materials*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/fortuitouspro

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State govt. to close 22 Moulana Azad Model Schools owing to poor maintenance, lack of infrastructure

The Minority Welfare Department in September ordered that nine schools, with fewer than 100 students, and 13, with 100 to 150 students, should be closed; it has also been decided to shift students to nearby schools or relocated them to other places

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The State government has decided to close 22 Moulana Azad Model Schools, which have fewer than 150 students, in the State, owing to poor maintenance and a lack of infrastructure, and the Finance Department has also given the green signal to this.

The Minority Welfare Department in September ordered that nine schools, with fewer than 100 students, and 13, with 100 to 150 students, should be closed. The Department's Deputy Secretary, Mahibabu Saba, also said in the order that students should be shifted to the nearby schools or relocated to other places.

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The government started 200 Moulana Azad Model Schools in the academic year 2017-18 and 2018-19 under the Directorate of Minorities across Karnataka. A total strength of 200 students had been sanctioned for each school, and currently 39,000 (65%) students are enrolled.

These schools are English medium and teach from Classes VI to X. The Minority Welfare Department is providing free uniforms, books, notebooks, stationeries, shoes, and socks.

However, the Department distributed only single sets of uniforms for Class VI students last year. For two years, the Department had not distributed any uniforms, notebooks, and other items.

Teachers said they are suffering from the lack of infrastructure. "In some places, the department is running the schools in its own building. But in other places, they are being run in dilapidated old government school buildings and on rented premises. Some schools are being run in tin sheds and most of them don't have separate toilets for boys and girls. The older girls are hesitating to come to school," said a teacher.

Poor maintenance of toilets, a lack of drinking water and playgrounds are also being deemed as factors contributing to poor enrolment.

The government had sanctioned only 700 staff, including 100 headmasters and 600 associate teachers, for only 100 schools. The remaining 100 schools are fully in the charge of guest teachers and other school staff of the department. The Finance Department recently gave permission to recruit Hindi teachers, Physical Education teachers, and group 'D' posts on outsourcing basis for only 60 schools, which have the highest enrolment.

Meanwhile, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah slammed the closure of the schools. "The BJP's agenda is that children of the working class and the poor should not get education. This agenda, which was previously hidden, is being openly celebrated now. The Minority Welfare Department portfolio is held by the Chief Minister. The Maulana Azad Model Schools were opened for the upliftment of minority community students. However, students are not enrolling in large numbers because the government has neglected to emphasise on the proper facilities," he said.

"These children have not been given uniforms for the last two years and this is a betrayal by the Chief Minister, who also holds the Finance portfolio. There are thousands of schools with three to 15 students under the Department of School Education and Literacy, which the government continues to run. It is inexcusable to close minority schools with at least 100 students in such a situation. The government should immediately reverse its decision," Mr. Siddaramaiah demanded.

INBRIEF

Temporary increase in cost of platform ticket

The South-Western Railway (SWR) has temporarily increased the cost of platform tickets at several stations with effect from October 1 to October 31.

In Bengaluru Division, the cost has increased from ₹10 to ₹20 at KSR Bengaluru City, Bangalore Cantonment, Yeshwanthpur, Krishnarajapuram, and Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal. "The enhancement is to ensure free movement of bona fide passengers on platforms and to avoid overcrowding during the peak Dasara festival season and holidays," a press release stated.

Text & Context
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Police raid hookah bar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Central Crime Branch police on Saturday raided a hookah bar in Indiranagar for operating the bar illegally.

Timings
BENGALURU

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Festival rush

Buying time: Ahead of the Dasara festival, people were seen shopping inside K.R. Market on Sunday. A variety of fresh banana saplings, mango leaves, garlands, fruits, and vegetables arrived at the market and they were being sold for three to four times the usual price. K. MURALI KUMAR

Uniform cloth quality within prescribed specifications: DSEL

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Students in Tumakuru had complained that poor quality uniform cloth was distributed

Following allegations of poor quality uniform cloth, the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has said that as per a report of the Central Silk Technological Research Institute (CSTRI), Bengaluru, the supplied cloth is within the prescribed quality specifications.

Vishal R., Commissioner for Department of Public Instruction, said: "After the department received a complaint with respect to the quality of uniform cloth in Gubbi Taluk, Tumakuru, immediately samples were obtained and sent to the CSTRI for quality analysis".

"Every year, the specified quality of uniform cloth material is procured through e-tender and government agencies like KHDC and KSTIDCL. Before commencement of supply of the material to the Block Education Officers (BEO), the technical panel or officers appointed by the purchaser visits the manufacturing unit at the time of production. The panel draws one sample for every 25,000 metres of each type of cloth for pre-delivery quality checks and the same is sent to CSTRI and the textile committee, Union Ministry of Textiles," the Commissioner clarified in his letter.

"Post-delivery tests will be conducted by an agency, for which one random sample of each type of cloth is drawn in each district. It will be sent to a third-party testing agency for quality analysis," he said.

Students of the government school of Gubbi taluk had complained that poor quality uniform cloth was distributed, which *The Hindu* reported on September 19.

After a two-year break, Bengaluru to see grand Durga puja celebrations at Jayamahal

Pari Chhabra
Namrata Baghchi
BENGALURU

After two pandemic-hit years, Durga puja celebrations are back to its glorious self. The Jayamahal Sarbajanin Durga Charitable Samiti (JSDCS) has kickstarted its 68th year of Durga puja celebrations which, the organisers say, are among the oldest Durga pujas in Bengaluru, and one which has consistently won awards, including the best Durga puja in 2019.

Different communities come together during the puja, Bijon Majumder, president of JSDCS, told *The Hindu*, "All neighborhoods in and around Jayamahal take an active part in the Durga puja celebrations. The chanting of mantras and the reverberating of the dhak makes the aura of the place devotional. The theme of the decorations this year is 75 years of Independence, and a special pavilion is also dedicated for the same".

The Jayamahal Sarbajanin Durga Charitable Samiti has begun the 68th year of Durga puja celebrations in Bengaluru.

Apart from events like dance, music, fashion show, mime etc., performed by the committee, a special DJ for dandiya is also an attraction this year. The huge area of the pandal is also set for 22 food stalls.

At the end of the fourth day of the puja, which is Vijayadashami, the visarjan of the goddess Durga brings the puja to an end.

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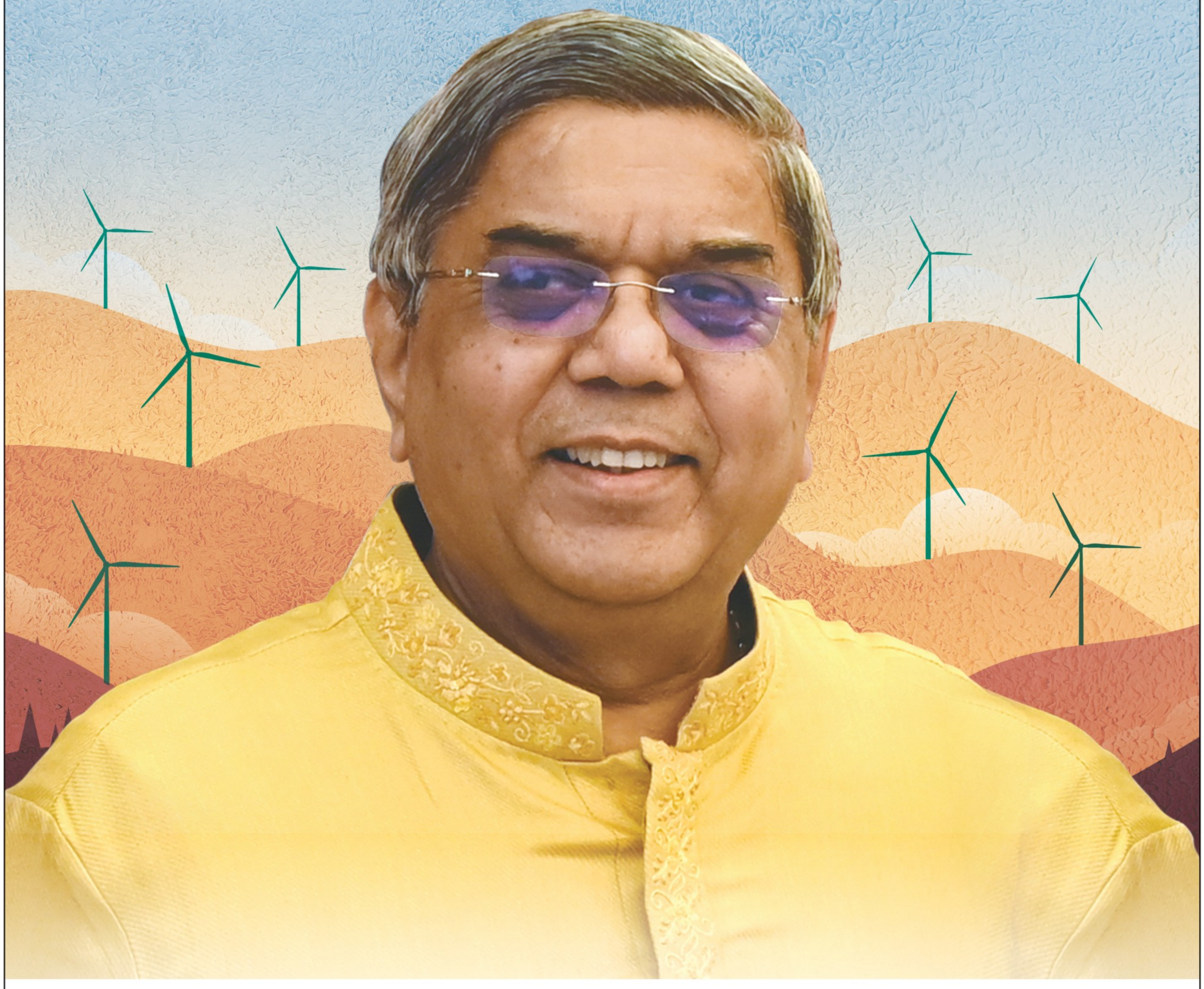

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INBRIEF

KASSIA seeks exemption from power tariff hike for MSMEs

Terming the latest hike by Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) permitting all Escoms to increase power tariff to meet fuel adjustment charges as most unfortunate, KASSIA has appealed to the government to consider exempting the MSSEs from this hike. In a release here, KASSIA president K.N. Narasimha Murthy has requested the government again to defer any proposal to increase tariff.

Mahatma is a source of inspiration, says CM

Mahatma Gandhi is a source of inspiration for the country, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Talking to reporters after garlanding the statue of Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary, at Vidhana Soudha and Vikas Soudha here on Sunday, he said: "Gandhiji suffered a lot of humiliation and insults in his life but he stood against it and fought. He dedicated his life and everything for the cause of the nation."

Tribute to Gandhiji through dance and songs

A tribute to Mahatma Gandhi was paid through dance and songs on the occasion of his birth anniversary at the Glass House in Raj Bhavan on Sunday. The programme had been jointly organised by the Raj Bhavan, Doordarshan, Kannada and Culture Department, Department of Information and Public Relations, and BBMP.

Attack on Yogeshwar's car: Cases filed against 14 JD(S) partymen

Bommai says details about Channapatna incident have been collected, and everyone must follow protocol in government functions; HDK challenges Ashwath Narayan for a public debate

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

H.D. Kumaraswamy and C.N. Ashwath Narayan

A day after Janata Dal (Secular) workers attacked the car in which former Minister and BJP MLC C.P. Yogeshwar was travelling, Channapatna Rural police have booked cases against 14 JD (S) workers on the charge of hurling stones and eggs at the former Minister even as Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said details were being collected about the incident.

The police action came after the MLC's driver Venkatesh filed a police complaint and a FIR under section 324 (Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means) and 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) of Indian Penal Code (IPC) has been filed, the police said.

On Sunday, Mr. Bommai said that details about the Channapatna incident have been collected, and everyone must follow rules and protocol in government functions and programmes. "There is no place for violence here. What is important is that the grants must reach people more than the prestige," he told reporters in Bengaluru.

Despite a relative calm in the politically sensitive area that has seen intense poll battle between Mr. Yogeshwar and former Chief Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy, sources said that the party cadres are restive.

A JD(S) source said that Mr. Kumaraswamy has taken the violation of protocol in not informing him about the foundation laying ceremony seriously, and that he is keen to fight it out. "There has been no approval for the project yet. If an MLC can get ₹50 crore for some works randomly, then every MLC is entitled to get such funds. JD(S) MLCs would also seek such huge allocation," sources said, pointing out that Mr. Yogeshwar has been nominated as MLC under artist category and not from Channapatna region.

Mr. Yogeshwar lost to Mr. Kumaraswamy in a keenly contested poll from Channapatna Assembly constituency in 2018 and the contest is expected to play out again in 2023 elections.

Meanwhile, continuing his tirade, Mr. Kumaraswamy challenged Higher Education Minister and Ramanagaram district in-charge Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan for a public debate on the secret behind the release of ₹50 crore and how much funds have been released for Ramanagaram district after the BJP government came to power.

In a series of tweets, he questioned the BJP's contribution to the development of Ramanagaram district. Party sources said that Mr. Kumaraswamy has reasons to believe that the entire foundation stone laying ceremony was planned by Mr. Ashwath Narayan to politically embarrass him.

With several JD(S) workers injured in the incident and being treated, sources said that the JD(S) Youth Wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy paid a visit to the hospital where they are being treated.

CM's 'party on bail' comment on Congress leads to war of words

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah were engaged in a war of words on Sunday after the former termed Bharath Jodo yatra as a sinister campaign being undertaken by a "party on bail."

"I need not speak about fake Gandhis. The whole party is on bail. Rahul Gandhi, his mother and AICC president Sonia Gandhi and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar are on bail," the Chief Minister said here after garlanding the statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastry on their birth anniversaries. His comments came after reporters sought his response to Mr. Rahul Gandhi's statement that the BJP government in Karnataka was corrupt.

He said: "It (Congress) is a bail party and all cases pertain to corruption. The KPCC president is struggling hard in padayatra as the cases have been going on since the last two to three years." The Chief Minister further said: "Hitherto, Karnataka was their (Congress) ATM, but not now. For this reason they are unhappy. Everybody knows that there is no 40% here. I will order an inquiry if they give me documents."

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> **BASAVARAJ BOMMAI**
> Chief Minister

Meanwhile, reacting sharply to Mr. Bommai's comments, Mr. Siddaramaiah told reporters in Mysuru that several BJP leaders too were out on bail. "Six Ministers of the BJP government in the State had obtained anticipatory bail and secured a stay from the court against obscene portrayal in the media. If they had not indulged in anything obscene, why were they afraid and rushed to the court?" He said: "BJP leaders like former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Minister V. Somanna had obtained bail while Minister R. Ashok had obtained a stay from the court. Union Home Minister Amit Shah too had gone to court."

'Bharat Jodo Road', a narrow lane in Badanavalu, to symbolise harmony

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Neglected for long, the lane connecting the settlements of Dalits and Lingayats in Badanavalu was restored and christened "Bharat Jodo Road" on the occasion of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to the village for Gandhi Jayanthi on Sunday.

Mr. Gandhi, who took a break from his Bharat Jodo yatra that has reached Mysuru, visited the Khadi Gramudyog Centre at Badanavalu that had been visited by Mahatma Gandhi in 1927 as well as 1932. Apart from visiting the khadi weaving and spinning centres at Badanavalu, Mr. Gandhi and the Congress leaders also participated in Shramadaan activities that included the reconstruction of the lane connecting the two different sections of the society that had been abandoned after bloody clashes between them about three decades ago.

The lane in Badanavalu that was reconstructed by the Congress and christened 'Bharat Jodo Road' during Rahul Gandhi's visit to the village on Sunday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Gandhi also laid a couple of interlocking tiles on the lane on Sunday to complete the reconstruction of the road between the two settlements and throw it open.

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D K Shivakumar said the restoration of the road seeks to bury the pain and differences that had arisen between the two communities. The people from both the sections of the society were made to forget their differences and sit and eat together with the Congress leaders on Sunday, he said while describing the exercise as an honest effort to reunite the country's people as part of the "Bharat Jodo Yatra" taken up by Mr Gandhi.

Congress leader and KPCC's Communication Wing Head Priyank Kharge said the reconstruction of the 120-metre road seeks to rebuild the broken hearts between the two sections of the society and create an atmosphere of harmony and brotherhood in the village. "This is Bharat Jodo", he said. "It may appear symbolic, but this harmony will have impact on the rest of the region. The Bharat Jodo yatra is an honest effort to reunite the people," he said.

While the BJP's "Rath Yatra" had divided the people of the country, the Congress's "Bharat Jodo yatra" was uniting the people of the country, Mr. Kharge remarked.

Colourful rangolis were also found in front of houses on several lanes in the village with the residents welcoming the Congress leaders.

'How can Rahul unite country when he has failed to bring DKS and ex-CM together?'

Special Correspondent
BENGALURU

Ridiculing the Bharat Jodo yatra of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, BJP State general secretary N. Ravikumar on Sunday wondered if it is really possible for him to unite the country when it has not been possible for him to unite his own party's State top leaders Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, Mr. Ravikumar said Mr. Gandhi's efforts during his previous visit to the State to make both the leaders hug themselves had not yielded results. "When you have failed to bring together two top leaders of your own party's State unit, how will you bring together the country," he wondered.

Taking serious exception to Mr. Gandhi terming the BJP government in Karnataka as a "40% government" in an obvious reference to the allegations of the government demanding 40% commission from contractors, Mr. Ravikumar said it was not befitting of Mr. Gandhi to make such wild allegations without evidence. "Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has already declared that he would order an inquiry if anyone submits evidence on the allegations of 40% commission," he said.

Gandhi Bhavans to be built in 7 districts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said Gandhi Bhavans will be constructed in seven districts within a year. "Gandhi Bhavans have been built in 23 districts and the government will do whatever is required to build them in rest of the seven districts," he said after conferring Mahatma Gandhi Seva Prashasthi on psychiatrist C.R. Chandrashekar.

CORRIDORS OF POWER

Yatra is the main show

For the Congress, it is a first in more than two decades that there won't be a member of the Gandhi family in the party presidential poll, and naturally, it has attracted a lot of media attention. But for senior leader and MP Jairam Ramesh (*in picture*), the upcoming presidential elections in the grand old party is only a "sideshow." The main focus, he said, is the ongoing Bharat Jodo yatra led by Rahul Gandhi.

Mr. Ramesh argued that the yatra is setting the narrative. "It is the transformation of Indian politics, it is certainly a transformation of the Congress," he said.

At a press conference on Friday, Mr. Ramesh, who was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka, said that the greatest contribution of the Congress to Indian politics has been "consensus" and when that is not possible, an election is held.

Speed is of essence

The newly elected Congress member M. Nagaraj, a prominent face in Kannada television news debate, was instantly noted in the Legislative Council for the speed with which he spoke.

In his maiden Council session after getting elected, his speeches were hard to follow. Several members in a lighter vein remarked that it could be due to his long exposure to TV debates, where the window of opportunity is small to make a point.

In an informal interaction with the members of the media, he confided that one of the scribes from the Council, trained in short hand, requested him to go slow since it had become difficult for the Council secretariat staff to keep pace with him.

But Mr. Nagaraj is no mood to slow down. He argued that if he spoke slower, he would lose his flow of thoughts.

'Rahu dosha'

During the recently concluded session, the Opposition members on many occasions attacked BJP government for not providing answers to questions posed by them in the Legislative Council. Prominent among them was Congress member Saleem Ahmed, whose many questions remained unanswered as Ministers were not present or government sought time to provide answer.

When he got an opportunity to ask a question, Mr. Ahmed said that he was indeed surprised that he had, finally, succeeded in his endeavour to pose a question. Janata Dal (Secular) member T.A. Saravana, whose interest in astrology is well known in political circles, suggested to the Chair to change Mr. Ahmed's seat since it could a "Rahu dosha" that had denied him an opportunity speak in the House, drawing laughter from both sides.

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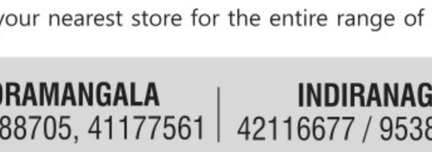

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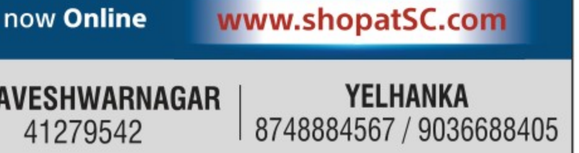

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KCR to foray into national politics with launch of party on Dasara

Telangana Rashtra Samiti leaders are set to meet and pass a resolution prior to the announcement on Wednesday; new party likely to have first public meeting in New Delhi on December 9, followed by local meeting in Karimnagar

N. Rahul
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister and Telangana Rashtra Samiti president K. Chandrasekhar Rao has confirmed launch of a national party by him at 1.19 p.m. on Wednesday to coincide with Dasara.

He made the announcement at a luncheon meeting with his Cabinet colleagues and district party presidents on Sunday.

Sources said the new party was likely to go by the name of Bharat Rashtra Samiti as Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao also dropped the name during his interaction at Sunday's meeting. Moreover, he had been raising the slogan "*Jai* Telangana" and "*Jai Bharat*" at the end of his speeches at public meetings on Saturday and Sunday.

The announcement on Wednesday will be preceded by a meeting of ministers, TRS MPs, MLAs and MLCs, party executive committee members, Zilla Parishad chairpersons, district party presidents and chairpersons of corporations, in all numbering 283, scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on the same day. The resolution adopted at the meeting with the signatures of the participants will be submitted next day to the Election Commission of India for registration of the party.

K. Chandrasekhar Rao

Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao was quoted as telling the meeting that the party will retain its pink colour and election symbol of car as he had got assurance from legal experts. Its first public meeting will be held with a massive gathering in New Delhi on December 9. The local launch of the party is likely to be held again at Karimnagar thereafter.

The public meeting in New Delhi will be attended by leaders of all parties with whom Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao is in touch, including Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav of the RJD and former Karnataka and Gujarat Chief Ministers H.D. Kumaraswamy and Shankar Singh Waghela.

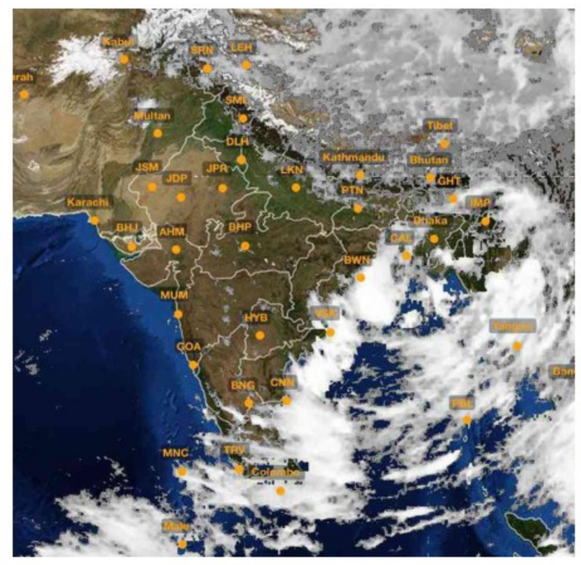
Leaders of farmers organisations will be invited, sources said.

Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao informed his Cabinet colleagues on Sunday that his tours to other States had evoked a lot of interest in local population. They were eager to see replication of welfare schemes in Telangana like Rythu Bandhu and 24-hour power to agriculture in their own States. That will in no way undermine implementation of schemes in Telangana.

He asked them not to mind criticism against the new party by rivals.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Monday: Heavy rainfall at isolated places over Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning at isolated places over East Uttar Pradesh, East Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	14.0	33.6	23.2	Kozhikode	—	32.2	24.9
Ahmedabad	—	34.6	24.8	Kurnool	7.0	32.5	21.7
Aizawl	60.0	—	21.1	Lucknow	—	34.1	25.1
Allahabad	—	35.3	24.5	Madurai	—	35.6	26.4
Bengaluru	3.0	26.2	18.2	Mangaluru	21.8	30.2	22.7
Bhopal	—	32.9	22.0	Mumbai	0.4	31.2	26.0
Bhubaneswar	1.0	32.4	24.1	Mysuru	—	29.0	18.0
Chandigarh	—	34.9	23.3	New Delhi	—	34.9	22.0
Chennai	—	31.8	25.4	Patna	—	34.1	26.0
Coimbatore	—	32.5	22.4	Port Blair	9.0	31.3	24.4
Dehradun	0.4	32.1	21.1	Puducherry	0.6	34.8	25.4
Gangtok	—	23.7	16.7	Pune	—	31.3	21.1
Goa	—	32.3	24.8	Raipur	—	32.4	25.0
Guwahati	—	34.8	25.9	Ranchi	—	30.9	23.4
Hubballi	—	27.0	21.0	Shillong	1.0	24.5	17.9
Hyderabad	4.4	31.3	21.4	Shimla	—	23.4	14.0
Imphal	1.0	26.0	19.9	Srinagar	1.0	24.4	11.8
Jaipur	—	34.9	25.2	Thiruvananthapuram	0.2	32.4	24.3
Kochi	5.0	29.4	24.0	Tiruchi	—	34.3	25.0
Kohima	30.0	—	16.2	Vijayawada	—	34.0	25.6
Kolkata	32.0	30.7	25.0	Visakhapatnam	5.0	33.4	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	..—	..25	.15	50	52	.....
Bengaluru	.14	..22	.25	.....—	93	.....
Chennai	...4	..33	.80	44	71	.....
Delhi	.22	..—	.28	...239	.445	.....
Hyderabad	.11	2	125	58	81	.....
Kolkata	.10	..25	.24	36	58	.....
Lucknow	...9	..67	.35	...163	.131	.....
Mumbai	.11	129	.65	38	78	.....
Pune	..—	..36	.86	.....—	.....—	.....
Visakhapatnam	.14	..54	.14	66	..104	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Khurja, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 239 indicating a poor level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

From Page One

MSME imports hit after rupee's free fall against greenback

"Under this scenario, our MSMEs are losing their competitive advantage, market share and margins especially when Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Chinese products are plentily available for a much attractive price," lamented Kassia president.

Some MSMEs, already facing a shortage of raw materials as they are not able to import at a higher cost, and have already slowed down or shut their units temporarily, as per trade body sources.

Small and medium electronics-based manufacturing industry also imports most of the raw materials including semiconductors and Integrated Circuits to support their production here. Industries working on aerospace, and defense with DPSUs, services, R&D labs etc., have long-term contracts where the prices are fixed, and they have no scope of increasing prices. D.R. Subramanyam, MD, SLN Technologies and Chairman, Ease of Doing Business Taskforce, CII Karnataka, said, "Electronics industry is suffering due to global semiconductors shortage, long lead time, price hikes and stringent payment terms of suppliers demanding advance payments. At this time rupee weakening day by day is scary and the strategic electronics sector, particularly MSMEs, will get hit seriously and their margins will get wiped out," he said. City-based defence electronics manufacturing firm SLN Technologies said its raw material import cost has gone up at least by 20%: 12% due to the rupee fall and another 8% due to an overall inflation-driven increase in material cost.

Recession fears

Although the rupee has slightly improved in the last couple of days to 81.80 and to 81.55 on Saturday against the dollar as per RBI, industry analysts say INR is expected to depreciate further amid a strong dollar and might head towards 83/84 levels on the backdrop of recession fears.

People throng to pay last respects to CPI(M) leader Kodiyeri Balakrishnan

The Hindu Bureau
KANNUR

Shouts of *Lal Salam* filled the air as people thronged in large numbers to pay homage when the mortal remains of CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Kodiyeri Balakrishnan were brought to the Thalassery Municipal Town Hall here on Sunday.

The remains of Balakrishnan, who died in Apollo Hospital in Chennai, were brought to the Kannur airport by an air ambulance by 1 p.m. The body was received by CPI(M) district secretary M.V. Jayarajan and other party leaders and was taken in a special vehicle, accompanied by party members.

For the people to pay homage, the procession moved slowly through 13 centres including Mattannur, Neerveli, Moonampeedika, Arammile, Vettummal, Kathirur, Poniyan, and Chukkam, before concluding at the Thalassery Town Hall. The site witnessed emotional scenes with people shouting slogans and throwing flowers at vehicles.

CPI(M) leaders including Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, S. Ramachandran Pillai, M.A. Baby, T.M. Thomas Isaac, A.N. Shamseer, Paloli Mohammed Kutty, M.V Jayarajan, P. Jayarajan, E.P Jayaran, T.V. Rajesh; Congress leaders K. Sudhakaran, Mullappally Ramachandran, K. Muraleedharan; and BJP leaders paid their last respects.

Forever in hearts: People paying homage to CPI(M) leader Kodiyeri Balakrishnan at Mattannur on Sunday. S.K. MOHAN

The body will be kept at the hall till 10 p.m. on Sunday for the public to pay respects The cremation will be done with full State honours at 3 p.m. on Monday at Payyambalam.

Rani Chennamma, Sangolli Rayanna statues to be installed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The statues of Kittur Rani Chennamma and Sangolli Rayanna will be installed on the premises of Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi this year, and the State government has released ₹50 crore for the purpose, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Sunday.

Speaking here after launching the Kittur Chennammaji Vijaya Yatra in connection with Kittur Utsav, the Chief Minister said that though Kittur Utsav is being organised for about 25 years now, it had been limping in between. "However, after the BJP government came to power, an order was issued to celebrate the festival across the State. "Earlier, Kittur Jyothi would come to Bengaluru but now it is going from Bengaluru to Kittur."

The Chief Minister said that the government will send a proposal to National Archives to record Kittur Chennamma as a brave queen who started the first freedom struggle since gazette published by Karnataka University, Dharwad had referred to her as a brave queen. He also said that the decision has been taken to strengthen the existing but dilapidated Chennamma's Palace at Kittur and also build a new palace adjacent to it. "Steps have been taken to develop Kittur, Bailahongal, Nandghad and Sangolli as tourist spots. The Sainik School in the name of Sangolli Rayanna will be opened next month."

Hindu Jagarana Vedike organises Durga Doud in Udupi city

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Durga Doud (run) organised by the Hindu Jagarana Vedike (HJV) on Sunday stoked A controversy with a few participants displaying swords in Udupi.

A few organisations demanded action against the organisers of the run for facilitating display of weapons.

Dalit leaders, including Sundar Master, Shyamaraj Birthi, and others have urged the police to take suitable action against the organisers and the participants who displayed the weapons.

Udupi Police, however, said that no complaint has been received by them in the matter so far.

Inquiry can be launched, if a complaint is received, the police said.

A large number of people participated in the Durga Doud organised by Hindu Jagarana Vedike in Udupi on Sunday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

HJV organised the run from Kadiyali Mahishamardhini Temple to Sri Krishna Mutt in the city to recall the heroic deeds of the erstwhile rulers of the country and introduce them to the younger generation.

A few organisations demanded action against the organisers of the run for facilitating display of weapons.

The run passed through Kalsanka, Service Bus Stand, Kavi Muddana Marga and Thenkapete to reach the mutt.

Minister V. Sunil Kumar, Members of Legislative Assembly K. Raghupathi Bhat, Lalaji R. Mendon and B.M. Sukumara Shetty, the former Minister Pramod Madhwaraj and others participated in Durga Doud in the city.

Hyderabad police foil terror plot in city

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad city police, in a major operation to thwart proposed terrorist attacks in the city, on Sunday arrested a person who is an accused in past terrorist incidents and his two fresh recruits. The police also seized a consignment of four grenades from the Malakpet residence of Abdul Zahed, who reportedly revived his contacts with Pakistani ISI conduits to carry out sensational terror attacks in Hyderabad city.

Visakhapatnam, a graveyard for submarines

Sumit Bhattacharjee
VISAKHAPATNAM

The city of Visakhapatnam is known for being the home for the Eastern Naval Command, having the largest integrated steel plant and a 1,000-year-old Simhachalam temple. But one thing that has put this once sleepy fishing town into the global map was the sinking of Pakistani naval submarine *PNS Ghazi* off the coast of Visakhapatnam on December 4, 1971.

Ever since, December 4 is celebrated as Navy Day and a monument 'Victory at sea' adorned by an eternal flame stands tall on the Beach Road.

Historical remnants: Visitors look at the recovered dome of *PNS Ghazi* on display at the GVMC Visakha Museum. C.V.SUBRAHMANYAM

But the sinking of *PNS Ghazi* is a known story and in fact in 2017, Sankalp Reddy had done a film *The Ghazi Attack*, starring Rana Dagubatti, Atul Kulkarni and Kay Kay Menon.

Though many controversies shroud the sinking of the Pakistani submarine, the common theory that stands good was that the boat was sent by the Pakistani navy to sink the Indian Aircraft Carrier *INS Vikrant*. Wrong feeding of intelligence inputs and some clever manoeuvre by the then chief of the ENC Vice-Admiral N. Krishnan and the top brass of the Indian Navy and RAW (Research and Analysis Wing) led *Ghazi* to Visakhapatnam, which was apparently sunk by *INS Rajput*, an R-Class destroyer, with depth charges. The story is, however, disputed by many.

Whatever may be the mystery, *Ghazi* was sunk on the night of December 4-5, 1971, and still lies with its 93-men onboard, including 11 officers, a few hundred metres below the surface, just a few nautical miles off the coast of Visakhapatnam.

PNS Ghazi is not the only submarine that lies on the floor of the Bay of Bengal, near Visakhapatnam coast. During the Second World War, a Japanese submarine with the Imperial Japanese Navy number RO-110, was sunk off the coast of Rambilli village on February 11 or 12, 1944.

The submarine was sunk by *HMAS Launceston* and *HMIS Jumna*, using depth charges. The RO-110, was a mid-size coastal submarine, and was launched on January 26, 1943, at the Japanese port city of Kobe.

There are stories that only 14 out of the 127 crew survived and another version says that only 16 had survived out of 71 crew.

CPI delegates' meeting in Kerala sees scope for improvement for LDF govt.

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Discussions at the delegates' meeting of the Communist Party of India (CPI)'s 24th State Conference in Kerala on Sunday suggested room for improvement in the functioning of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government, compared to the previous term. Resolutions passed at the meeting demanded, among other things, abolishing of the Governor's post and a rethink on Centre-State relations, in light of the recent controversies involving the Governor and the LDF government.

The delegates' meeting on Sunday discussed the political report presented by CPI State secretary Kanam Rajendran, which criticised the State government for imposing UAPA and also struck a line of caution on big-ticket development projects which are facing protests on the ground. CPI assistant secretary Prakash Babu said that no specific demands for course correction were made, but the general opinion was that there was room for improvement in the government's performance.

Mr. Babu also said that other than general criticism on various issues, there has been no demand that the CPI should leave the LDF. Rather, the meet called for steps to further strengthen the LDF.

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Need for uniformity

There's more to language ability than being grammatically correct, says Elisabeth Levi, Vice-President of Linguistics, Assessment, and Research at Speaknow

When applying to colleges abroad, students are required to submit an English Language Proficiency Test as a part of their application. Language proficiency is commonly defined as a person's ability to speak or perform in an acquired language and the test often assesses if a student can cope with lectures and classes at college. In this free-wheeling interview, Elisabeth Levi, VP of Linguistics, Assessment, and Research at Speaknow, talks about testing innovations, assessment trends and evolution of technology. Excerpts:

Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI is changing the way we learn languages by providing individualised feedback, adapting tasks to the learner's level, allowing freedom from learning in a specific physical place, and allowing more effective assessment of skills. The scoring is less biased than human grading because it has the ability to consider more points of data than a human can. Humans may only attend to a few words the speaker uses or be influenced by pronunciation and accent but AI can look at all words, examine clarity of speech before coming to a conclusion. AI can present a quicker, more comprehensive picture of an individual's grammar patterns and provide a fuller profile of what a learner can do and what he/she needs to know.

Innovations in testing

Remote proctoring and anti-cheating solutions remove the necessity for a physical testing site, also lowering the cost of taking a test. With English increasingly becomes the language of international business and education, small- and medium-sized businesses need less expensive and more agile ways to test their workers' English proficiency to compete in a global marketplace. Additionally, with the rise of alternative means of education, such as apps and MOOCs, people need alternative ways to demonstrate their proficiency. Tests need to include evaluation of free, authentic speech, rather than just elicited speech through tasks such as read-alouds and repetition.

Language assessment in India

One major issue is the lack of international standards. Current tests are not aligned to internationally accepted grading scales. This makes it harder for test takers to have their skills recognised internationally. Another factor is lack of accessibility; test-takers are often required to travel to centres or the costs are too high. Thus candidates, especially from the rural periphery, are unable to take these tests, which then prevents them from applying for jobs that require English proficiency. The influence of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) has increased lately because it provides a clear picture of what people can do with their various languages and allows comparability of scores across exams and across languages.

Technology in language education

Apps and MOOCs have helped to democratise language education. They ensure that learners in the most remote areas have authentic opportunities to communicate with native speakers of various languages. Even media such as video games with chat functions require communication, most often in English. The best technologies offer precise, adaptive feedback, opportunities to practice, and encourage use of authentic speech.

Evolving Constructs of Language Proficiency

In the past, language proficiency was viewed as the ability to translate or produce grammatically correct language. The focus has shifted to the ability to communicate and get things done in another language. This is one of the reasons that the CEFR is so useful. It has broken down the types of activities one might need to do in another language and described how these can be done at various levels of proficiency, from bottom to top. This offers clear targets to achieve levels of proficiency. For example, we know that A2 is the minimum to get around independently in a foreign country. So if someone wants to travel, they can prepare accordingly. B2 is the minimum level to be able to succeed in university. This helps schools build curricula that will enable their students to succeed.

Don't lose your way

Uncertain about your career options? Low on self-confidence? This career counselling column may help.

OFF THE EDGE
Nandini Raman

My brother in Class 11 wants to work in Merchant Navy. What are the options in India? – Tripti

Dear Tripti,

Some of the best Maritime colleges in India are in Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Chennai, and Kolkata. The average salary ranges from ₹40,000 to ₹90,000 per month for cadets and officers. Like any other job, it depends on the rank, location, company, and employee.

I completed my Bachelor's in Commerce in November 2020 but, because of COVID and other problems, I didn't score well in CAT. I want to pursue an MBA but have a gap of two years in my CV. – Adarsh

Dear Adarsh,

Honesty is best even about a CV/career gap.Put your energies into making sure that you are prepared for the interviews. Your admission needs to be on your merit and confidence in who and what you are. Highlight what you've done through the lockdown: picked up new skills or certifications, volunteered, found a new hobby/ interest... They want to know and assess 'you', so ensure you share interesting perspectives of what you did during that gap.

I am interested in Criminology. What are the courses in India and abroad? Also, what is the scope? - Annmariya

Dear Annmariya,

A huge variety of courses is available under B. A Criminology and Police Sciences both in India and overseas. Of course, the courses abroad are far more specialised and detailed, as it is a relatively new field in India. Some good courses are Psychology of Crime and Criminal Behaviour, Cyber Criminology and IT Acts, Practical Crime Investigation, Juvenile, and Gender Justice System, Police Science and Crime Investigation, Victimology and Victim Justice, and Fundamentals of Forensic Psychology. Forensic departments and crime labs, police and investigative agencies, research labs, medical hospitals, courts, and prisons need specialists.

I am in my first year of Masters's in History but am not really passionate about it. I'm good at creative stuff. Is there some way of combining the two? People say I should take the UPSC exams or the NET. I feel confused and can't make up my mind. – Areeba

Dear Areeba,

Identify your passion, skills and interest that can be an eventual career. History and creative writing / sketching / narration can make you a popular History teacher / mentor/ artist (graphic or otherwise)/ and / or a storyteller. The UPSC is the recruiting agency for Central Government bureaucratic jobs. Is this something that you will enjoy? NET is the eligibility exam for the post of an assistant professor and/or Junior Research Fellowship across Indian universities and colleges. Get a detailed personality and career profiling done to help you understand yourself better. Then decide the way forward.

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No family man

The Congress is on right track, but the Gandhis must stay neutral in contest

A contest for its top post, a rare event for any political party in India, has turned the spotlight on the Congress. Around 8,000 delegates will vote on October 17 to elect a new chief for the party. It was the refusal of Rahul Gandhi to return to hold the formal reins of the party that set the ball rolling in this direction. Mr. Gandhi also made it clear that his mother Sonia Gandhi could not continue as president, and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra cannot contest. Leaving the road clear for a relatively open contest for the top post which is reserved for a member of the Nehru-Gandhi family whenever one of them claimed it, Mr. Gandhi set out on a walk from the southern tip of the country towards the north. His Bharat Jodo Yatra has also struck a chord with people in the areas it has touched so far. Mrs. Gandhi had wanted Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to contest, and he appeared to be agreeable, initially. But the efforts to effect a transition in the State ended in chaos, grounding the plans for his candidacy. MLAs in Rajasthan want Mr. Gehlot to continue in office. The Rajasthan episode was badly managed by the party, showing itself and a loyal veteran in a bad light. It was avoidable.

The contest is actually for the second most important position in the Congress. It is clear that Mr. Gandhi will remain the final authority in the party, while the elected president will be tasked with the running of the organisation. The BJP has had supreme leaders above party presidents –A.B. Vajpayee and L.K. Advani at one point and Narendra Modi and Amit Shah now. There is a valid perception that the family is tilting the scales in favour of one contestant – Mallikarjun Kharge – against Shashi Tharoor, which needs to be dispelled. The Nehru-Gandhi family's moral authority over the party stems from its neutrality and fairness in internal tussles. That authority is often exercised through representatives who at times fail to maintain neutrality. Recent episodes in Punjab and Rajasthan – the promotion of Navjot Singh Sidhu and the pressure on Mr. Gehlot, respectively – have weakened the authority of the family. Being a neutral arbiter is the right thing to do, and apart from that, self preservation demands that Mr. Gandhi enables popular leaders to emerge stronger in the party. Mr. Kharge or Mr. Tharoor, the truly popular should be able to to win. Mr. Gandhi will only reinforce his authority by making it public that the family has no candidate.

Boxed in

As high prices restrain consumption, inflation control must be top priority

The Reserve Bank of India's rate decision on Friday was ultimately inevitable. Monetary policymakers were left with little choice but to raise interest rates by 50 basis points, as a bout of extreme volatility in international financial markets combines with persistently high domestic retail inflation to threaten macroeconomic stability, globally and in India. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das cited the 'aggressive monetary policy actions and even more aggressive communication from advanced economy central banks' as a third shock -- following the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine – which he said had thrust the 'global economy into the eye of a new storm'. "Emerging market economies, in particular, are confronted with challenges of slowing global growth, elevated food and energy prices, spillovers from advanced economy policy normalisation... and sharp currency depreciations," Mr. Das explained, elaborating on the external challenges confronting emerging economies, including India. The rupee too has been under pressure, weakening by more than 7% against the dollar since the start of the current fiscal year in April. And this has added upward pressure to price stability by way of imported inflation. The RBI's September issue of the Monetary Policy Report in fact pertinently observes that the 'second-round effects of low growth and high inflation globally could keep domestic inflation at elevated levels even beyond eight quarters, necessitating appropriate monetary actions to anchor inflation expectations'.

The central bank's own projections, in fact, do not anticipate a slowing in India's retail inflation below its upper tolerance threshold of 6% till the January-March quarter. And Mr. Das was right to point out the multiple factors that could upend the RBI's inflation outlook. These include the likelihood of higher pass-through of input costs by service providers on increased demand, as well as upside risks to food prices from both the lower *kharif* output of rice and pulses, and the unseasonably excess spells of rainfall in some regions that have pushed up the prices of vegetables. The surfeit of liquidity or cash in the banking system, which is expected to be buoyed by enhanced government spending in the coming months, could also threaten price stability and the RBI Governor was at pains to note that the policy stance of a calibrated 'withdrawal of accommodation' had become an imperative. Specifically, he pointed out that 'even as the nominal policy repo rate had been raised by 190 basis points since May, the rate adjusted for inflation still trailed the 2019 levels'. With the RBI's latest surveys of households' inflation expectations and consumer confidence too signalling that price pressures will continue to restrain consumption, inflation control will have to remain the top policy priority.

Choose 'safe surrender' over infant abandonment

R.K. Vij

is a former Special Director General of Police of Chhattisgarh

Last month in Tamil Nadu, a two-year-old girl was found alone in a government bus. The crying toddler was handed over to the Dharmapuri police station which traced her mother with the help of CCTV footage. The mother said that after a quarrel with her husband she had tried to abandon their child in the bus.

In another incident in July, a two-week-old boy was found abandoned in a closed tea stall in very inclement weather in New Town, 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. He was rescued by the Technocity police station after a person alerted the police. The boy was given immediate medical aid. However, his parents could not be located.

Reports of newborn children being found abandoned in garbage piles, dustbins, in bushes by the roadside or places of religious worship are not uncommon in India. Data by the National Crime Records Bureau show that no less than 709 criminal cases of 'exposure and abandonment of child under twelve years' under Section 317 of the Indian Penal Code were registered in the year 2021. It is pertinent to note that no case is registered when a child is surrendered to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) constituted under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (or the JJ Act).

Abandonment versus surrender of a child

The moot question is this: If the child's biological parents or the guardian do not want to or are unfit to raise the child, why do they abandon the child especially when there are so many people in India willing to adopt children? Especially when this number is more than the number of children available legally free for adoption? According to the portal of the Central Adoption Resource Authority, there were 2,991 in-country adoptions and 414 inter-country adoptions in 2021-22. Similarly, according to the 118th report on Review of Guardianship and Adoption Laws, presented to the Rajya Sabha on August 8, 2022), as on December 16, 2021, there were 2,430 children declared legally free for adoption for 26,734 adoptive parents-in-waiting.

A key reason for the abandonment of children is a lack of awareness across India about the law on the surrender of unwanted children

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An abandoned child means a child who is deserted by his biological or adoptive parents or guardians, while a surrendered child is relinquished on account of physical, emotional and social factors beyond their control. The JJ Act, which has an overriding effect on other laws in force, provides that no first information report shall be registered against any biological parent in the process of inquiry relating to an abandoned and surrendered child. The purpose of this provision is to ensure that all efforts are made to trace the parents or guardians of the child without initiating any criminal action.

It is always advisable to surrender a child rather than abandon him if the conditions to retain the child are beyond the control of parents or guardian. Abandonment endangers the child's life. Surrender before the CWC is a guarantee that the child will be taken care of till he or she attains majority or is adopted by a fit and willing parent.

As most of the reasons for child abandonment are an unwanted pregnancy, breakdown of a relationship, lower socio-economic status, either or both parents being drug addicts or alcoholics, a child can be considered eligible for surrender and declared so after the prescribed process of inquiry and counselling. Further, the disclosure of the identity of such children is prohibited and all reports related to the child are to be treated confidential by the CWC. Hence, there is nothing the parents need to fear about. Also, the surrender of a child does not entail any criminal action.

A liberal interpretation

The Supreme Court of India has just given a liberal interpretation to the law on termination of pregnancy when it comes to single and unmarried women. Section 3(2)(b) Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971 was amended in 2021 and the words "married woman" replaced with "any woman" and "husband" with "partner". However, the corresponding rule (Rule 3B of the MTP Rules, 2003), was not amended, leaving scope for different interpretations by the lower courts. In view of this, the Supreme Court, in *X vs The Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department and Another* (2022), held, while hearing an appeal, that the parliamentary intent was clearly not to confine the beneficial provisions only to a situation involving a matrimonial relationship. The Court passed an interim order to allow an unmarried woman petitioner to abort her pregnancy of 24 weeks arising out of a failed live-in relationship, subject to the Medical Board's recommendations. The Court said that there was no basis to deny unmarried women the right to medically terminate her pregnancy, when the same right was available to other categories of women (divorcees, widows, minors, disabled and mentally-ill women and survivors of sexual assault or rape). With the top court's clarification and the amended law, it is anticipated that unmarried women will be free of mental trauma.

Awareness is the key

One of the major reasons for the abandonment of children is a lack of awareness about the law on the surrender of unwanted children. Since it is believed that most cases of unwanted pregnancies are known to Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), *daais* and anganwadi workers, who have a strong network in villages, educating and sensitising them may reduce incidents of abandonment. The staff of nursing homes should also be included in such a programme.

Although, the surrender deed is to be executed before the CWC, a parent or guardian may approach any police officer, public servant, childline services, recognised non-governmental organisations, voluntary organisation, child welfare officer or probation officer, social worker or public-spirited person, nurse or doctor or management of a nursing home, hospital or maternity home when wanting to surrender a child. It shall be the duty of such an authority or officer to produce the child before the CWC within 24 hours. Non-reporting of abandonment within the prescribed time is a criminal offence. Therefore, wide publicity needs to be given to these provisions of the JJ Act so that no child is deserted, and parents, guardians and functionaries who are mandated to report any abandonment do not face a risk.

The views expressed are personal

The U.K. is staring into an economic abyss

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It took the new British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kwasi Kwarteng, just 25 minutes to unleash havoc when he unveiled his mini-Budget on September 23. His speech was meant to announce help for the ongoing energy crisis in Britain and provide a plan for higher economic growth. It led to an unprecedented week in which the pound plummeted, the cost of borrowing soared and ongoing conversations about a cost-of-living crisis are now being replaced with tentative fears of a financial crisis.

Unprecedented criticism

Mr. Kwarteng announced a slew of ideologically-driven tax cuts that disproportionately favour high earners. In place of policies to boost the United Kingdom's economy to achieve a promised 2.5% growth, the Chancellor offered promises of sunlit uplands simply as a result of reversing recent tax rises (meant to fund extra investment in the National Health Service and social care), abolishing the top rate of income tax and reversing a promised rise in corporation tax.

He failed to explain how the announced support on winter fuel bills to households and small businesses (estimated at £60 billion for this winter) would be funded, and how the shortfall generated by the tax cuts (of £45 billion) would be made up. Markets were spooked and the cost of the U.K.'s borrowing rose sharply, indicating a lack of confidence in the long-term prospects of the economy. Though the sterling's precipitous fall grabbed headlines initially, it is the damage done to the U.K. treasury bonds that has the potential to cause turmoil globally. So much so, that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) issued a statement on the Chancellor's mini budget.

To be clear: the IMF is not in the habit of criticising G7 countries on their domestic economic policies. The Fund, officially the lender of last resort and the organisation tasked with maintaining stability in the global economy, broke new ground on September 27 with its stinging rebuke which, moreover, was issued outside of a scheduled country review, global economic update, or a bailout. Noting that the tax cuts threatened to 'increase inequality', the Fund said that it was 'monitoring ... developments' and remained 'engaged with the authorities'. Observers could be forgiven for wondering if the Fund had accidentally issued a statement composed for a developing country facing a balance of payments crisis. There was more: cautioning against a fiscal policy that appeared to be 'at cross purposes to monetary policy' and which thereby risked stoking inflation further, it ended by urging the U.K. to 're-evaluate the tax measures... that benefit high income earners'.

Britain may well pay the price for Prime Minister Truss's move to take on the 'economic orthodoxy' of the Treasury and economists

Spotlight on pension funds

The IMF, however, has a duty to protect global financial markets, and to mitigate the risk of contagion. The Bank of England had to intervene the following day; warning of a 'material risk to U.K. financial stability', the Bank reversed its stance of bringing down its debt and instead pledged to buy back up to £65 billion in long-term Treasury bonds, or gilts, over the coming fortnight in order to stabilise the bond market. Despite the inflationary repercussions of this move, there was little choice in the matter as pension funds, which have invested heavily in gilts, suddenly found themselves facing a liquidity crisis brought about by the rising cost of borrowing, and compounded by the over-leveraged debt instruments that underwrite their future liabilities. However, the Bank has not solved the problem but only stabilised pension funds for now by buying them a little time.

It is not just U.K. pension funds that have exposure to gilts. The sterling is one of the five major reserve currencies, and is (still) ranked third, after the U.S. dollar and the euro, on a par with the yen and above the renminbi. Approximately 5% of global foreign currency reserves are held in sterling or sterling instruments, including gilts. The pound has already lost value. If gilts start looking like a bad investment, several economies around the world, including India, may reconsider their holdings.

Implications for household debt

A little ideology can be a dangerous thing. Prime Minister Liz Truss came to power promising to take on the 'economic orthodoxy' of the Treasury and economists. One of her first actions as Prime Minister was to dismiss the top civil servant in charge of the Treasury. Her Chancellor did not publish a forecast of his interim economic policies provided by the Office for Budget Responsibility, an independent body. When their ideology rubbed up against what they perceived to be orthodoxy, they belittled the experience, knowledge and institutional memory that go into providing independent, non-partisan advice. Britain could pay dearly for this. As the country stares into an economic abyss, the cost of domestic borrowing has risen, affecting household (and corporate) debt. Within days of the mini-budget, several mortgages were discontinued, and those paying a variable rate, or facing an imminent renewal of their fixed-rate loans, are anticipating calamitous increases in their monthly payments. Interest rates are expected to rise even further. Over the summer, discussion focused on whether people could afford to heat their homes over the winter. Now, people are asking whether they will be able to keep their homes after the winter.

Good debt may be turned into bad debt. And bad debt has a habit of infecting other economies, as was the case in 2008. Britain could be in for a rocky ride, and it may yet take others along with it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

5G rollout

By launching India's 5G telephony services, the ruling party seems to be carving a niche for itself. It is marching forward in the main spheres of public life. Its efforts to make the most of advanced technology for the betterment of the society does set a benchmark for succeeding political parties.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

As speed is decisive in modern life, the launch of 5G wireless technology in India appears to be exciting. Ultra-speed Internet will open up new vistas of development and progress. But the sobering point is that there is still a long wait for country-wide coverage.

J. Radhakrishna Kurup,
Ettumanoor, Kottayam, Kerala

It is fine to be talking about the launch of 5G enabled services. But is there any attempt being made to bridge the digital divide? Will this service truly benefit the poor who form a significant segment of the population?

S. Venkataraman,
Hyderabad

Setting Bengaluru right

The article, "After the floods, Bengaluru needs to clean up its act" (Editorial page, September 30), has listed workable strategies to curb corruption and improve the civic situation in Bengaluru. I particularly like the idea of promoting ethical behaviour in one's formative stages through moral education — the only way to stem the rot.

K. Ramana Prasad,
Secunderabad

Batting for rights

The Supreme Court's verdict on women's rights, married or unmarried, is also a recognition of the right to privacy. I am sure that the top court will eventually bring in the same level of sensitivity when it comes to other human rights.

N.G.R. Prasad,
Chennai

Kodiyeri Balakrishnan

Kodiyeri Balakrishnan strode like a colossus when it came to leftist politics in Kerala. The winsome smile he wore even in unsettling situations endeared him to all across the political aisle. The political culture he leaves behind is one laced with grace. He was to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan what Horatio was to Hamlet.

N. Sadasivan Pillai,
Kollam, Kerala

Kodiyeri Balakrishnan was an ardent champion of the toiling people and worked hard for social transformation. His passing is a loss to the Leftist movement.

V. Venkitasubramanian,
Coimbatore

Mr. Balakrishnan was one of the tallest in Kerala's and Left politics. An astute politician, the leader's career graph is a manifestation of his clear understanding of the issues of the day in the State's politics.

Ramesh G. Jethwani,
Bengaluru

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Mahatma Gandhi, the peacemaker

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Mahatma Gandhi was attentive of the fact that world peace is not possible without the spiritual growth of humanity. So far, the 22 years of the 21st century have not been peaceful. Russia's invasion of Ukraine represents the biggest threat to peace in the world since the end of the Cold War. Many believe that humanity will never attain peace. But we all know that peace is the result of a long process of compassionate dialogue and tireless caring across cultural, religious, and political boundaries.

Gandhi considered the problem of peace as an ethical, rather than political, issue. For him, the importance was to be on the side of the just. In a letter published in *Harijan* on December 9, 1939, he wrote: "The moral influence would be used on the side of peace... My nonviolence does recognise different species of violence – defensive and offensive. It is true that in the long run the difference is obliterated, but the initial merit persists. A nonviolent person is bound, when the occasion arises, to say which side is just. Thus, I wished success to the Abyssinians, the Spaniards, the Czechs, the Chinese, and the Poles, though in each case I wished that they could have offered nonviolent resistance... But who am I? I have no strength save what God gives me. I have no authority over my countrymen save the purely moral. If God holds me to be a pure instrument for the spread of nonviolence... He will... show me the way..."

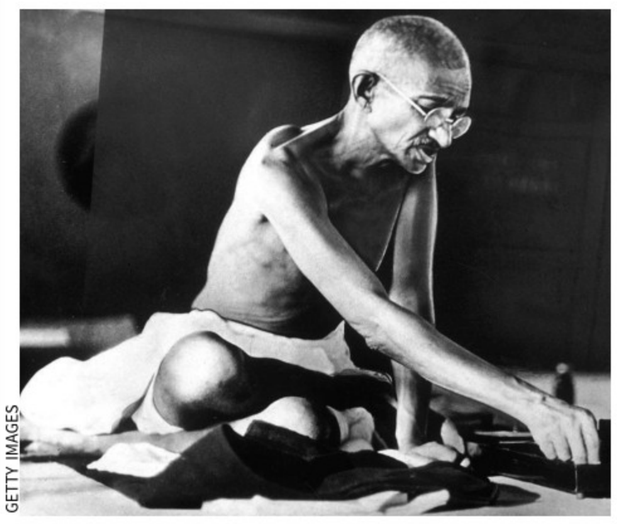
A peace strategy

This letter explains a great deal on Gandhi's psychology as a moral leader at the time of war. It also shows clearly that he was a man of peace, who, beyond the violent values of his time, could struggle for nonviolence and dialogue among nations. Based on this assumption, it appears that the most appropriate way to interpret Gandhi's approval of violence over cowardice is to consider him as a consistent thinker on peace. Hence, it would be wrong to say that there were gradual changes in his opinions on war and peace.

If it is accepted that Gandhi always had a peace strategy even when he wrote on violence over cowardice, we can establish a continuity between his writings on war and peace in different stages of his struggle. Gandhi wrote: "I do believe that where there is only a choice between cowardice and violence I would advise violence...But I believe that nonviolence is infinitely superior to violence, forgiveness is more manly than punishment... But... forgiveness only when there is the power to punish.... A mouse hardly forgives a cat when it allows itself to be torn to pieces by her. I therefore appreciate the sentiment of those who cry out for the condign punishment of General Dyer and his ilk. They would tear him to pieces if they could. But I do not believe India to be a helpless creature. Only I want to use India's and my strength for a better purpose." This said, Gandhi never dissociated nonviolence from violence, either in reality, or as major concepts of his political philosophy. Therefore, we can understand his position, when he affirmed that an action "may wear the appearance of violence" and yet be "absolutely nonviolent in the highest sense."

> Gandhi considered the problem of peace as an ethical, rather than political, issue

Many famous critics of Gandhi's nonviolence have pointed their fingers at the impotence of Gandhian nonviolence against totalitarian regimes. Hannah Arendt said, "If Gandhi's enormously powerful and successful strategy of nonviolent resistance had met with a different enemy – Stalin's Russia, Hitler's Germany, even pre-war Japan, instead of England – the outcome would not have been decolonization, but massacre and submission." However, unlike Arendt, Gandhi believed that in the absence of a concrete ethical foundation, the political could not function democratically and non-violently.



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The task of the political

Therefore, for Gandhi, the essential task of the political was to bring moral progress. While Hitler believed in eliminating morality from politics, for Gandhi, it was most important that the moral legitimacy of non-violence be a strategy of peacemaking. That is why Gandhi is impossible to classify in terms of conventional categories of peace studies and conflict resolution. Gandhi remains an original thinker in the matter of peace building and also an astute peace builder.

From Gandhi's perspective, nonviolence is an ontological truth that follows from the unity and interdependence of humanity and life. While violence damages and undermines all forms of life, nonviolence uplifts all. Gandhi, therefore, advocated an awareness of the essential unity of humanity, and that awareness required a critical self-examination and a move from egocentricity towards a 'shared humanity'. This 'shared humanity' cannot exist today if it is not aware of its own shortcomings. It needs to strive to remove its own imperfections, in order to be able to foster a pluralistic peace. Needless to say, in an age of increasing 'globalisation of selfishness', there is an urgent need to read and practise the Gandhian social and political philosophy in order re-evaluate the concept of peace.

Understanding the Durga Puja economy

Brisker Puja sales may not implicate a better economic climate in West Bengal

STATE OF PLAY

Atanu Biswas

There is added enthusiasm in the celebration of Kolkata's Durga Puja after its inclusion as the 14th entry from India in UNESCO's 'Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity' last December. But like most major festivals, Durga Puja is not just a cultural extravaganza; it is an economic lifeline for West Bengal.

But do we have reasons to be rejuvenated? Durga Puja is a gigantic event and an opportunity for millions to earn their livelihood. People spend generously by shopping, eating out and travelling. Annual festivities like the Rio Carnival, Japan's Hanami, Munich's Oktoberfest and Pamplona's San Fermín and New Orleans' Mardi Gras festival are estimated to contribute 1.35%-2.25% of the GDP to the corresponding economies. What about Durga Puja?

The Durga Puja economy

Unfortunately, there are scanty studies to estimate the Durga Puja economy due to its multidimensional character. Activities go on through the year and include a mind-boggling combination of festivity, artistry, culture, entertainment, shopping, and food and drink. This makes the Puja truly unique. A 2013 ASSOCHAM study estimated the size of the Durga Puja industry at ₹25,000 crore, around 3.7% of West Bengal's GDP at that time. And it projected a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of about 35%, which was much higher than that of West Bengal's GDP. Understandably, such a huge CAGR is unlikely to continue for long. Also, we had the pandemic ravaging the world in between. So, it is never easy to quantify today's Puja economy.

A recent British Council study focused on 10 creative industries and indicated that a ₹32,377 crore creative economy, accounting for 2.58% of the State GDP, was generated during the 2019 Durga Puja in West Bengal. But this may be a much-curtailed picture – the study itself points to several sectors such as the unorganised retail market that "will add to creative worth" significantly.

In the past too, Durga Puja was affected by socio-economic-political shocks. When Bengal was ravaged by a terrible famine in 1943, the editorial of the Bengali *Saradiya* (Puja Special) *Anandabazar* wrote: "The mother who is Annapurna, the goddess of plenty and always full, she has in the guise of a beggar woman with a begging bowl in her hand has today come at your door." A much-cited article titled 'Economics of the Durga Puja', published in the *Economic Weekly* (now *Economic and Political Weekly*) in October 1954, portrayed a Puja environment amid a distressed economic condition. There was a flood in northern West Bengal and a drought in the south, and workers and clerks of Kolkata staged demonstrations for a Puja bonus while they didn't receive their September wages and salaries.

In 2020-21, the idol-making industry was in the doldrums, the lighting industry faced a power cut, and the retail market experienced a pandemic lull. But now, the Durga Puja frenzy is back. With renewed enthusiasm, can West Bengal hope for a strong comeback riding on the festive season?

A K-shaped recovery curve

In the *Economic Weekly* article, Puja sales were portrayed as one of the most reliable criteria for gauging the incomes of the people, although statisticians and economists might prefer other sophisticated indices. Today, a 'K'-shaped post-pandemic economic recovery is envisaged by different experts. While millions are coping with either job loss or wage cuts, those who remained well-off during the pandemic but couldn't spend handsomely during the last two Pujas due to pandemic restrictions might make that up considerably by their spending. And that might help people lying in the lower hand of 'K' as well. But overall, in an increasingly uneven world, brisker Puja sales may not implicate a better economic climate in Bengal. As the seven-decade-old *Economic Weekly* article warned, better Puja shopping one year compared to the previous year might, indeed, be a sad reflection of the poor income of the average Bengali. However, while a burst of discretionary spending for costly items is likely, there might be a boost in the informal economy as well, simply due to the fact that a large section of society, belonging to the lower hand of 'K', might want to avoid items of the formal sector that need GST, etc.. That's the Puja magic, for the time being.

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Iran's indices, and the immediate causes of protests

The lack of adequate political freedoms, the absence of gender equality, and recurrent economic crises have frequently triggered protests

DATA POINT

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Earlier this month, 22-year-old Mahsa Amini was detained by Iran's morality police for "violating" the mandatory dress code. Though her family had been assured she would be released after a "re-education session", she died on September 16 after being rushed to the hospital from the detention centre. Her family has contested the police claim that she died of a heart attack due to underlying conditions. Various reports have claimed that Amini was beaten up by police authorities after which she slipped into coma. Amini's death has sparked protests across Iran. In the unrest, more than 75 people have so far been killed and hundreds are injured.

Iran has a long history of protests that have been triggered by socioeconomic and political issues. While the 1977-79 uprising unseated the country's repressive monarchy, the Islamic republic that replaced the Pahlavi dynasty has also been accused of repressing dissent, including by women questioning the imposition of clothing and other behavioural mores by the regime. Here is a look at various protests that have taken place in the country in recent years with data showing the proximate triggers for these.

Chart 1A, 1B and 1C compare how Iranian women fare in literacy rate, labour force participation rate and the share of women in parliament, respectively, compared to women in other countries for whom such data are available. The charts show that though a large section of Iranian women is literate (81%), they have relatively poor economic and political freedom. The current unrest could be a reflection of the social awareness of literate Iranian women and their dismay at their economic situation and lack of political freedoms.

The regime, overshadowed by economic and political crises, has repeatedly witnessed mass protests in the last four decades. The protests in 2017-18 and 2019, which were triggered by price hikes and inflation, reflect this. Chart 1D shows that Iran's per capita GDP in 2020 was less than $3,000. This placed Iran 148 among 204 countries. Chart 1E displays a poor employment-to-population ratio, which is causing unrest among the youth. These protests have also coincided with the sanctions imposed on Iran by the U.S. in recent years.

In 2009, over three million demonstrators took to the streets of Tehran protesting against irregularities in the presidential elections. According to Chart 1F, Iran fares poorly in political rights, ranking 157 among 193 countries. Restrictive laws have resulted in people having to fight for their basic rights. Chart 1G shows how civil liberties are poor compared to other countries.

Chart 1H depicts the poor press freedom ranking in Iran. Methods used by the Iranian government to quell the protests in the country include brutal force, restrictions on movements, and digital crackdowns. Chart 1I depicts the nature of Internet freedom in Iran.

Chart 2A shows how Iran's Human Development Index remains among the poorest in the West Asian region, with only Iraq and Yemen ranking below it.

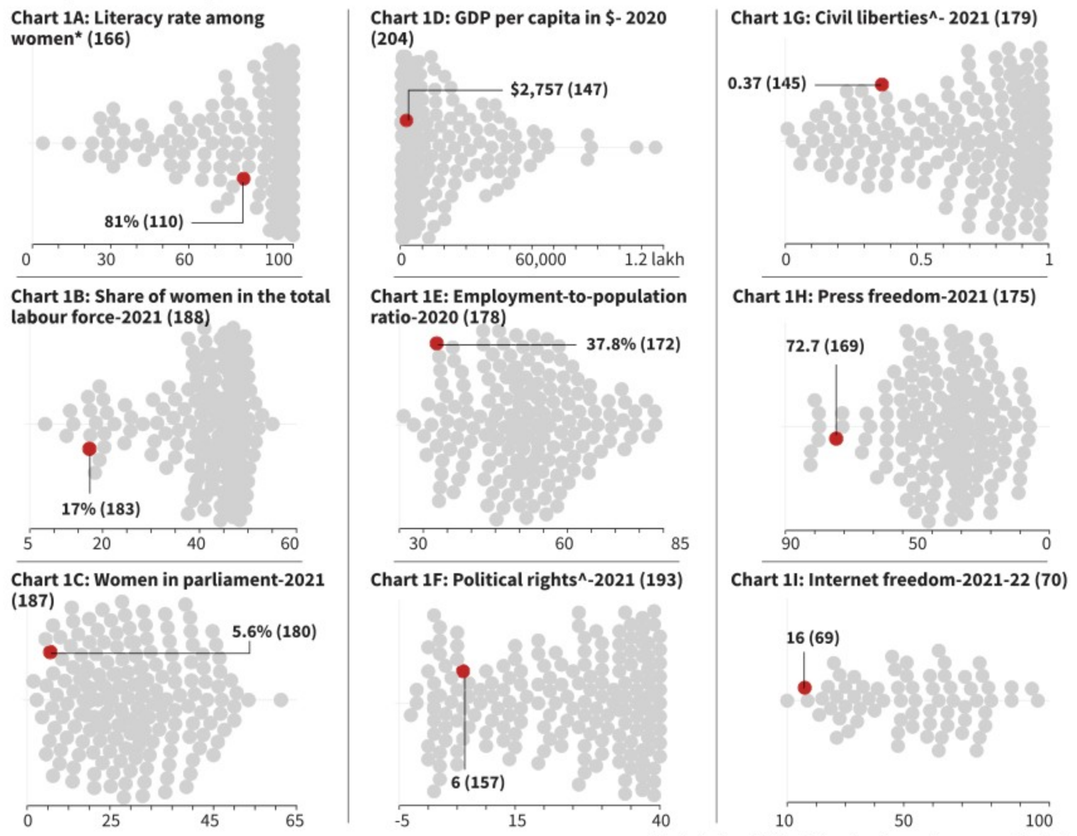
Chart 2B shows Iran's Human Rights Protection Index between 1950 and 2019. It dropped to its lowest after 1979. Though the ranking improved in the 1990s, it has not been able to reach the previous highs. And after 2014, it has been showing a downward trend.

Iran overthrew monarchy, but the lack of adequate political freedoms, the absence of gender equality, and recurrent economic crises, some of which have been triggered by sanctions, have possibly pushed the citizenry to protest frequently in the republic, especially in recent years.

Iran's performance in various indicators

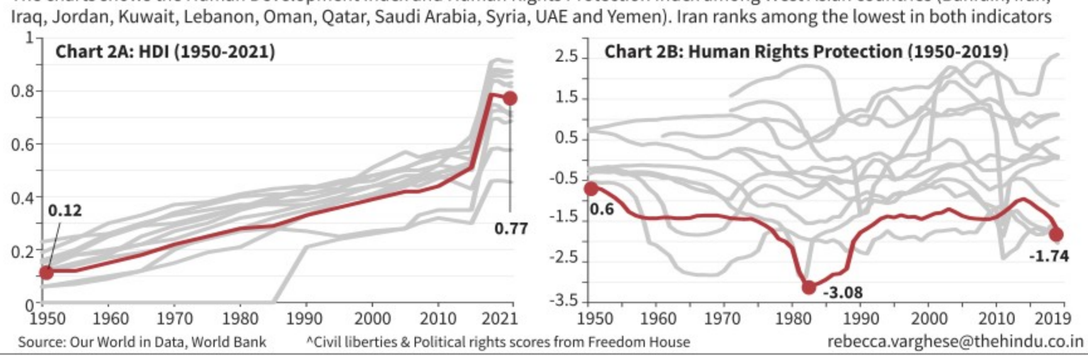
The charts show how Iran fares on various social, political and economic indicators compared to other countries where data are available. While women have a high literacy rate (81%), they are restricted in terms of political and economic freedom. Women constitute 17.3% of the total labour force. Only 5.6% women are in Parliament

Chart 1 : Each chart depicts Iran's ranking and value/score in an indicator among other countries with relevant data. Each circle corresponds to a nation, and Iran's position is highlighted in red. The total number of countries with data for an indicator is mentioned in brackets after the indicator's name. For instance, the share of women in the Iranian Parliament is 5.6% and the country ranks 180 among 187 countries. The numbers below the axis indicate the actual value/score of the indicator



*the latest available data of each country were collected

Chart 2:
The charts shows the Human Development Index and Human Rights Protection Index among West Asian countries (Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, UAE and Yemen). Iran ranks among the lowest in both indicators



Source: Our World in Data, World Bank ^Civil liberties & Political rights scores from Freedom House

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 3, 1972

Nation celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

The 103rd anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated throughout the country to-day by launching development programmes for the benefit of the weaker sections of society. The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, set the tone of to-day's celebrations when at Motihari in Bihar this morning she rededicated herself to the cause of "Garibi Hatao" while addressing a public meeting near the Gandhi Ashram where Mahatma Gandhi had stayed during the Champaran Satyagraha. Later in the day, she formally inaugurated at Ranchi a 6,000-tonne hydraulic press in the Foundry Forge Plant of the Heavy Engineering Corporation. In Delhi the day began with a solemn programme of prayers and devotional music at Rajghat, the samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi, attended among others, by the Vice-President, Mr. G.S. Pathak, the Lt.-Governor of Delhi, Mr. Baleshwar Prasad, and the Mayor of Delhi, Mr. Kedar Nath Sahni. At Sabarmati, near Ahmedabad, at a solemn prayer meeting, the South Indian singer, Mrs. M.S. Subbalakshmi, sang a couple of songs, which were favourite hymns of Bapu.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 3, 1922

At Poona

Poona, Oct. 2: A party of hundred ladies from Bombay under the auspices of Rashtriya Stri Sabha arrived here this afternoon and were joined by two hundred ladies of Poona on their pilgrimage to Mr. Gandhi on his birthday. They formed into a long solemn procession and quietly proceeded at 3 p.m. to the jail gate. Committee members representing all communities went up to the Jail Superintendent and sought permission to be allowed to see Mr. Gandhi. The Superintendent very politely expressed his inability to grant their request as, he said, it was beyond his power. The ladies then requested him to send their offering of flowers and pan to Mr. Gandhi. After this they gathered at the Jail gate where Mr. Gandhi's birthday song was sung and prayers were offered for his release. This being over, the party mournfully retraced their steps. At this time some were seen to have actually burst into tears. The party then partook of refreshments provided by Mrs. Captain, at the palatial house of Mr. Khadwani.

From Page One

'I am in the race to strengthen Congress'

The veteran leader said now there was no G-23, as he received the support of leaders such as Manish Tewari, Anand Sharma, Prithviraj Chavan and all of them jointly want to take on the BJP-RSS combine. Before the start of the press conference, Gourav Vallabh informed that he, along with Mr. Hooda and Mr. Hussain had resigned as party's official spokespersons to "freely campaign" for Mr. Kharge. Asked about Mr. Tharoor's comment that he is a candidate for change while Mr. Kharge is a candidate of 'continuity and status quo', the 80-year-old leader said it was up to the 9,000-odd Pradesh Congress Committee delegates to decide on such issues.

Hitting back at the BJP for suggesting that he would be a a 'puppet president,' Mr. Kharge said he did not believe in doing anything part-time and had always dedicated himself fully behind the causes that he espoused or roles that he performed.
(With PTI inputs)

Can't ditch MLAs who stood by me: Gehlot

The Rajasthan Chief Minister was the frontrunner for the post of Congress President. "When a Chief Minister is changed, 80%-90% [MLAs] leave him and switch sides. But it was a new case in Rajasthan where the MLAs got agitated just with the name of the new Chief Minister," Mr. Gehlot said without naming Mr. Pilot. "I was in Jaisalmer. I could not guess but the MLAs sensed who was going to be the new Chief Minister," he told reporters. Mr. Gehlot said he could not ditch the 102 MLAs who had saved his government during the political crisis in July 2020. Targeting the MLAs who had revolted against him in 2020, he accused them of being hand in glove with the BJP. "Some of our MLAs met Amit Shah and other leaders. So, how can I forget those 102 MLAs who saved the government," he said.
(With PTI inputs)

125 killed in football stadium stampede

"It had gotten anarchic. They started attacking officers, they damaged cars," the police chief said, adding that the crush occurred when fans fled for an exit gate. An East Java police spokesperson said 323 people were injured, up from the initial count of 180. The stadium disaster appeared to be the world's worst in decades.

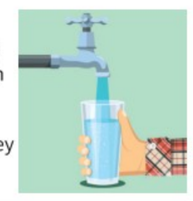
Video footage from local news channels showed fans streaming onto the pitch after Arema FC lost 3-2 to Persebaya Surabaya around 10 p.m. (1500 GMT), followed by scuffles, and what appeared to be clouds of tear gas and unconscious fans being carried out of the venue.

Many victims at the nearby Kanjuruhan hospital suffered from trauma, shortness of breath and a lack of oxygen due to the large number of people at the scene affected by tear gas, said paramedic Boby Prabowo. The head of another hospital in the area told *Metro TV* that some victims had sustained brain injuries and that the fatalities included a five-year-old.

'62% rural houses have tap water connections'

Functional taps

The table shows the top five and the bottom five States and Union Territories with fully functional tap water connection in households, according to a survey commissioned by the Union Ministry of Water Resources



Top five		Bottom five	
State/U.T.	% HHs*	State/U.T.	% HHs*
Puducherry	88	Rajasthan	38
Tamil Nadu	86	Manipur	40
Himachal	82	Kerala	40
Goa	81	A & N Islands	40
Telangana	80	Tripura	41

** Households*

A fully functional tap water connection is defined as a household getting at least 55 litres per capita per day of potable water all through the year. Close to three-fourths of households received water all seven days a week and 8% just once a week. On an average, households got water for three hours every day, and 80% reported that their daily requirements of water were being met by the tap connections. The water quality in some households was tested. It revealed 95% of households to have within acceptable limits of pH values. Over 90% of village-level institutions were getting potable water. Over half (57%) of the sampled households reported purifying water before drinking.

However, the report mentions a concerning problem of chlorine contamination. Though 93% of the samples were reportedly free of bacteriological contamination, "most of the anganwadi centres and schools, had higher than the permissible range of residual chlorine and indicated inappropriate local dosing. Thus, there is a need to monitor the correct dosing of chlorine in the pipe water supply system", the report notes.

Centre calls for bids for PM's new official residence project

PM's house would come up adjacent to Rashtrapati Bhawan and South Block on Dara Shikoh Road

Damini Nath
NEW DELHI

The Central government has set the ball rolling for the construction of a new official residence for the Prime Minister, with the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) on October 1, calling for pre-qualification bids.

As a part of the larger Central Vista redevelopment plan, the CPWD sought bids from construction companies to participate in the tendering process. According to the pre-qualification document, the CPWD estimated the project (construction and maintenance for five years) to cost ₹360 crore and take 21 months to finish. The pre-qualification process would be open till October 14, after which the qualifying bidders would be asked to submit their financial bids.

The Prime Minister's residence complex would come up "adjacent to the Rashtrapati Bhavan and South Block and opposite to DRDO building in Blocks A & B, Dara Shikoh Road, New Delhi," the CPWD document said.

"The site is in highly secured zone. The proposed buildings shall be of reinforced cement concrete framed structure building. The existing structures in Blocks A & B are to be demolished before the start of new construction," the document said.

The complex would include the Prime Minister's Residence, the Prime Minister's Home Office, the Special Protection Group Office, Seva Sadan, a guest house and basement parking – spread across around 21,000 square metres – the CPWD said.

A sewage treatment plant, a rainwater harvesting system, 25 watchtowers and four entry/exit gates with security systems would be a part of the contract. The CPWD had first floated the pre-qualification tender for the ₹360 crore-project on July 18, but withdrew it on July 22 citing "administrative reasons", according to the corrigendum.

Nobody can doubt India's feelings for Afghans, says Jaishankar on student visas

As students protest visa denial, Minister cites security concerns, trust and efficiency of visa system. Meanwhile, officials passed the buck for issuing emergency visa to Afghans to Home Ministry

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

No one can doubt India's "feelings" for Afghans, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar said on Sunday, facing a question on the cancellation of visas to Afghan students who were pursuing their studies in India and have been unable to return since the Taliban takeover last August.

At the time, New Delhi had revoked all pre-existing visas issued to Afghan citizens, and announced a new "Emergency e-visa" (Em-X-Misc e-visa) process. However, officials say that of the tens of thousands of applications that were received last year, e-visas have only been issued to fewer than 300 Afghans, most of them Hindus and Sikhs fleeing the Taliban, while none of the 2,500 students remaining in Afghanistan have been issued any. The denial has prompted formal protests from the Afghan Ambassador in Delhi and a recent demonstration outside the Indian Embassy in Kabul that reopened in June.

Festive fervour: S. Jaishankar with Ambassadors and High Commissioners to India during Dasara celebration in Vadodara. PTI

"We had a situation where we had to pull out our embassy, we did not even have a presence on the ground to verify what is what. At that time there was lot of uncertainty about whose passport was whose, whose visa was whose...these are real issues out there," Mr. Jaishankar said at a session in Vadodara on "Rising India and the world" where Afghan student Mohammad Ali Irfan, studying in Gujarat, asked the question "on behalf" of the 2,500 stranded students.

"India's feelings for Afghan people, nobody can doubt," Mr. Jaishankar added, and asked the students "to wait for [a] level of trust and efficiency" to come up to allow visas to be restarted.

Facing pleas from the students who can't return home for fear they won't be able to return to complete their education, Afghanistan's Ambassador Farid Mamundzay says he has raised the issue on several occasions with officials in the Ministry of External Affairs. The Afghan embassy has requested the MEA to issue visas for the female students. "We have not received any convincing reason so far," said Mr. Mamundzay.

"No Afghan citizen has ever carried out any major terror attack in another country... so these students should not be unnecessarily suspected on security grounds," he said in response to a question from *The Hindu* about New Delhi's stated concerns about security.

When asked, MEA officials said the question of the Afghan Emergency X-Misc visas is handled by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Government officials didn't respond to questions about whether the decision to only issue visas to Afghan Sikhs and Hindus was linked to the Modi government's CAA, a law that has not been implemented yet.

U.K. firms ask India to unravel 'frustrating' red tape, take 'broader' view on lending norms

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Legal and regulatory impediments in India continue to be a source of "frustration" for investors looking to set up or expand operations in India, even as land acquisition and "regular delays" in Customs clearances remain problematic, the U.K. India Business Council (UKIBC) has conveyed to the Government of India (GoI).

Trade ties: Piyush Goyal with the then U.K. Secretary of State for International Trade Anne-Marie Trevelyan in January 2022. PTI

The Council has urged India to take a "broader view" of priority sector lending norms for foreign banks operating in India and sought equitable tax treatment, while flagging rising instances of counterfeit product sales through e-commerce platforms as a deterrent for intellectual property (IP) owners.

With India and the U.K. working to seal a free trade agreement (FTA) soon, the Council has said making it easier to do business is as important as the trade pact to bolster trade and investment flows. Its recent submissions to the government, based on inputs from British firms operating in the country, include a laundry list of procedural, taxation and other areas that need intervention.

"Legal and regulatory impediments remain a frustration according to businesses. Duplication of regulation wherein two sets of regulations are administered by two different arms of Government on the same issue was cited as a key issue," the UKIBC has pointed out.

Such duplication leads to delays and costs, and are most common in areas on the Constitution's concurrent list of legislations, such as labour, environment, food and personal care.

"Unnecessary, duplicated regulations are a disincentive to investment," it said.

"In essence, our recommendations are about reducing bureaucracy, simplifying legal and regulatory complexities and taxation, developing world class IP and infrastructure environments, and enshrining investor protection," said UKIBC executive chair Richard Heald, underlining that U.K. businesses want to scale up their India investments.

Noting that lack of enforcement of IP rights is problematic and can stifle innovation, U.K. firms have cited examples of counterfeit items in circulation, with more instances coming up in online commerce, which has assumed greater import post-pandemic.

This has heightened the problem of "breakdown of intellectual rights", the Council said. The U.K. firms have sought improvements in land acquisition processes, particularly from the public sector.

While the lower corporate tax rates, including a 15% levy for new manufacturing units incentivises investments, the UKIBC has said there is a "significant disparity" between the effective corporate tax rates for foreign firms using a "branch model", taxed at 43.68%, compared to domestic peers who are taxed at 25.17%.

"This serves as a major disincentive for international businesses using this model, such as banks," the Council said, attributing part of the problem to the abolition of the dividend distribution tax.

While any foreign bank with over 20 branches gets the same priority sector lending (PSL) targets as domestic banks, U.K. institutions have said this is 'rather restrictive' as they bring different expertise to the table, it said.

RSS leader worries about economic inequality

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Poverty and unemployment are demons in today's world, said RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on Sunday. He added that even after India managed to grow to a great extent economically, economic inequality is a matter of concern.

"Even when India has managed to be among the top-6 economies in the world, we can't say all is well. One percentage of rich population in India holds 20% of the country's wealth, while 50% has 13% of wealth. We must do something about this economic inequality," he said at a webinar organised by the Swadeshi Jagran Manch.

The RSS general secretary said figures related to per capita income are saddening in India even after 75 years of Independence.

Suzlon Energy founder Tulsi Tanti dies of cardiac arrest

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Suzlon Energy founder Tulsi Tanti, popularly known as India's 'wind man', died of a cardiac arrest at 64 on Saturday evening, the company said.

One of the pioneers of the wind energy business in India and a globally renowned expert on clean energy, he envisioned the opportunity in the renewable energy industry back in 1995, when the global wind energy market was dominated by international players. Under his leadership, Suzlon Energy grew to become the country's largest wind energy player.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled his death.

India condemns vandalism at Bhagavad Gita Park in Canada, seeks prompt action

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

India on Sunday condemned the vandalism at a recently unveiled park named 'Shri Bhagavad Gita' in Canada's Brampton and urged the authorities to investigate and take prompt action against the perpetrators of the hate crime. The park - previously called Troyers Park - was unveiled on September 28.

"We condemn the hate crime at the Shri Bhagvad Gita Park in Brampton. We urge Canadian authorities & @PeelPolice to investigate and take prompt action on the perpetrators," the High Commission of India in Canada tweeted.

Vijay Chauthaiwale

The attack came days after another temple in Canada was vandalised. Meanwhile, the BJP has expressed concerns over the vandalism at the Shri Bhagavad Gita Park in Brampton. The BJP's foreign affairs cell convener, Vijay Chauthaiwale, tweeted the party's concern over Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown's acknowledgement that the park had been vandalised. "One more attack on Hindu symbols in Canada; one more empty tweet from @patrickbrownont," he tweeted.

Mr. Brown had tweeted that his administration was "aware that the recently unveiled Shri Bhagavad Gita Park sign has been vandalized. We have zero tolerance for this. We have flagged to Peel Regional Police for further investigation"

The vandalism follows the defacing of the Swami Narayan Temple, Toronto in September, which had prompted the Indian High Commission in Canada to put out a strong statement of condemnation.
(With inputs from PTI)

SP leader Mulayam Singh shifted to ICU

Press Trust of India
GURUGRAM/LUCKNOW

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh was shifted to the ICU of Medanta Hospital in Gurugram on Sunday after his health deteriorated, the party said.

Family members are reaching Gurugram to check on his health. While his brother Shivpal Singh Yadav is already there, Samajwadi Party president and Mr. Mulayam's son Akhilesh Yadav has left Lucknow for Delhi, SP spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said. According to hospital sources, the 82-year-old leader is being treated under the supervision of oncologists Nitin Sood and Sushil Kataria.

APPEAL

Baby Sanjith, is 2 years old boy diagnosed with B Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. He is in urgent need of chemotherapy for 3 years which cost around Rs. 8,00,000/-. His family hails from a poor socio-economic class. We request kind hearted individuals to donate for the child's treatment at Meenakshi Mission Hospitals & Research Centre, Madurai. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No. 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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After raising a string of graft charges, Bihar Minister resigns

Sudhakar Singh had hit the headlines for raising issues related to farmers and calling officials in his department thieves; Tourism Minister Kumar Sarvajit given charge; BJP says a 'great Indian political comedy show' going on in the State

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Bihar Agriculture Minister Sudhakar Singh, who had been hitting the headlines for flagging issues of "rampant corruption" in his department, resigned on Sunday. The Opposition BJP said "a great Indian political comedy circus show" was going on in Bihar.

"Bihar's Agriculture Minister who has been raising issues related with farmers has sent his resignation letter to the government. We do not want this [embarrassment to the government] to drag further," said Jagdanand Singh, father of Mr. Sudhakar Singh and also State president of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD).

"Issues and roles of farmers and soldiers in the country cannot be ruled out," Mr. Jagdanand said.

It is said that Mr. Sudhakar sent his resignation letter to Deputy Chief Minister and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar accepted his resignation and sent it for Governor's approval. Tourism Minister Kumar Sarvajit has been made the new Agriculture Minister.

On Saturday, Mr. Sudhakar said he would not take rest until the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act and the *mandi* system, which were scrapped in 2006, were restored. "The decision to scrap them was anti-farmer," he said.

"Someone needs to stand up for the farmers and the injustice being done to them. Scrapping the APMC Act has destroyed the farmers," Mr. Jagdanand said.

Mr. Sudhakar, 46, became a Minister in the *Mahagatbandhan* (grand alliance) Cabinet for the first time. He was elected an MLA from Ramgarh in Kaimur district on RJD ticket in the 2020 Assembly election. "I will not allow the continuation of the BJP agenda in my department with the formation of the *mahagatbandhan* government," he had said.

Mr. Sudhakar, a Delhi University graduate known for his straight talk and

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>
> **SUDHAKAR SINGH**
> Former Minister

simplicity, recently hit the headlines for saying that the officials in his department were "thieves and thereby being head of the department, he is head of the thieves (*choro ka sardar*)".

He also hit out at the government, saying that "despite three agricultural road maps on which the Bihar government, in the last 17 years, has spent crores of rupees, the total production of grain in the State in 2021-22 was 1.76 lakh tonne while in 2011-12, it was 1.77 lakh tonne. Everything in my department needs to be overhauled".

A few days ago, while addressing a meeting, Mr. Sudhakar told people to "beat his department officials with shoes if they demand for bribe".

All these statements by the young Minister are said to have caused major embarrassment to the Nitish Kumar-led government and sources in the government told *The Hindu* that "there was pressure on him to put in his papers".

BJP's jibe at Nitish

The BJP took potshots at the government over the resignation. "In the past two months of formation of the *mahagatbandhan* government, two Ministers have resigned from Nitish Kumar's Cabinet and both of them are from the RJD. Mr. Kumar has to bear many more insults," said senior BJP leader and MP Sushil Kumar Modi. BJP spokesperson Nikhil Anand said "a great Indian political comedy circus show is going on in Bihar in which Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is a master comedian".

Speaking to *The Hindu* recently, Mr. Sudhakar said "the problem is that when you're with the Opposition, you keep raising people's issues but once you become part of the government, you get disconnected with the same people and the issues".

"I'm not going to make it happen. I'll keep raising grievances of the people of my constituency, farmers of the State, whether someone likes it or not. Being an Agriculture Minister, can someone tell me why I should not flag issues of farmers' grievances? And that too, when 80% of our State's population is dependent on agriculture", asked Mr. Singh.

"Whatever direction I will get from my party chief, I will follow. But I cannot stop raising the issues of farmers," he said emphatically.

Prashant Kishor starts 3,500-km *padyatra* from Bihar's Champaran

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Poll strategist Prashant Kishor on Sunday embarked on a 3,500-km *padyatra* (foot march) from Bhitiharwa Gandhi Ashram in West Champaran in Bihar. On the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, who had launched his Satyagraha movement in 1917 from Bhitiharwa Ashram, Mr. Kishor began the foot march across Bihar under his *Jan Suraaj* (people's good governance) campaign.

The *padyatra* will last 12 to 15 months and will cover all 38 districts of the State. "During this yatra, I will neither visit Delhi nor Patna but meet local people and get feedback on their basic problems," Mr. Kishor said. A long motorcade followed him and people were seen garlanding him and shouting the slogan "*humara neta kaisa ho, Prashant Kishor jaisa ho* (how should our leader be, like Prashant Kishor)".

Earlier, before embarking on his *padyatra*, Mr. Kishor said that the tour had basically three goals: identifying right people at the grassroots level, bringing them on a democratic platform, and making a vision document for the State by incorporating views from experts in different fields, including education, health, agriculture and industry.

INBRIEF

Workers from Thackeray's faction join the Shinde camp

In a blow to the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena camp ahead of the October 5 Dasara rally, hundreds of activists and office-bearers from the fishing community of Worli Koliwada area joined the rival Sena faction led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. The setback is particularly notable given that Mr. Thackeray's son, Aaditya Thackeray, is the MLA for the Worli constituency, where fisherfolk constitute a significant section of the electorate. According to sources, more than 500 Sena activists from Worli Koliwada switched allegiance to the Shinde camp as they were reportedly upset about Aaditya Thackeray and Uddhav Thackeray "not being responsive enough" to their problems regarding the Mumbai Coastal Road project.

U.P. govt. issues advisory on using tractor trolleys in State

With a series of accidents involving tractor-trolleys claiming the lives of dozens of people in Uttar Pradesh, the State government has asked citizens to use the trolleys only for agricultural activities, and not for carrying passengers. In the coming days, the government may strictly enforce the advisory. The advisory came after more than 26 people died in an accident near Bhadana village in Kanpur where a tractor trolley carrying roughly 50 people overturned and fell into a pond on Saturday evening. "I appeal to citizens of the State to use tractor-trolley only for purposes related to agricultural activities and transferring goods and not for movement of passengers. Life is precious, don't indulge in negligence," said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Samajwadi Party (SP) has questioned the BJP-led State government over the recent road accidents and alleged that even ambulances are not available for the injured.

LeT terrorist killed in encounter in J&K's Shopian

Press Trust of India
SRINAGAR

A Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on October 2, the police said.

The terrorist was identified as Naseer Ahmad Bhat of the Nowpora area.

Security forces had launched a search operation in the Baskuchan area after receiving input, a police official said. During the search, the terrorists fired at them and in retaliation, one terrorist was killed.

Mahatma remembered

Paying tribute: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and others while paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary, at the Central Hall of Parliament on Sunday. PTI

CPI to formulate alternative economic programmes at party congress, says D. Raja

S.R. Praveen
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Communist Party of India (CPI) will formulate alternative economic programmes for every sector at its 24th party congress to be held from October 14 in Vijayawada, as part of the efforts to counter the neo-liberal onslaught of the BJP-led Union government, CPI general secretary D. Raja has said.

In an interview to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the party's State conference in Kerala, he called upon the Congress to accept the new situation and be accommodative to other parties.

"The regional parties, including the former allies of the BJP, have all learned the lesson and are doing serious introspection. Through their own experience, they understand that the BJP spells disaster. The Congress should not think that everything is as it is in the past. They should revise their strategies and economic policies. They cannot say that they are not opposed to privatisation, but only to the way it is done. They should at least revert to Nehruvian economics. The BJP cannot be fought in its own track, by claiming that you are a better Hindu," said Mr. Raja.

D. Raja

Cong. leadership battle

On the ongoing leadership battle in the Congress, he felt that Mallikarjun Kharge had an advantage over Shashi Tharoor due to his experience.

Mr. Raja expounded on the idea of Left unity, which is being raised with renewed vigour in a changed political context. "We have been speaking for some time, but it takes time. For Left parties to come together, there must be mutual trust and accommodation. That is what we are trying. When Comrade Surjeet [Singh] was the general secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] and Comrade Indrajeet [Gupta] was heading the CPI, we sent out a joint circular to establish State-level coordination committees between the CPI(M) and the CPI. That process could not be continued. But, now there is realisation that the communist movement must come together on a principle basis," he said.

Mr. Raja said all issues related to age limit in the top decision-making bodies of the CPI would be settled. He added that the CPI would continue to raise its opposition to the way the UAPA and the sedition law were being used. The Vijayawada congress would discuss it further.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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The Additional Chief Engineer, Rengali Head Works Circle, Samal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below:

1.	Name of the Work	: Road works
2.	No of Works	: 02 (Two) Nos.
3.	Estimated Cost	: Rs.4,54,54,208/- & Rs.5,25,66,512/-
4.	Cost of tender paper	: Rs.10,000.00
5.	Class of contractor	: 'A' & 'Special' Class
6.	Period of Completion of work	: 09 (Nine) Calendar months
7.	Date &Time of Availability of Bid Document in the Website	: From 10.00 A.M. of Dt.06.10.2022 to 5.00 P.M. of Dt.20.10.2022
8.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	: Dt.21.10.2022 at 11.30 hours

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE biding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

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No. ACE/Region I/Ju/Ar.Pali/2022-23/7731-54 Dated 21.09.2022
Notice Inviting Bid (NIT NO. 19-20/2022-23)
Bids for following works are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 pm of 31-10-2022.

S. No.	NIT No.	Work Description	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Unique Bid No. (UBN)
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2	20/2022-23	WORK OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME PACHANPURA TEHSIL RAIPUR DISTT PALI UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION	256.17	PHE2223WSOB07162

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BIDDING
No. IIE-60/2022-1581/OSSSC Dated 30th September, 2022

FOR SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO RECRUITMENT EXAMINATIONS OF DISTRICT CADRE GROUP – B & C POSTS OF GOVT. OF ODISHA

The Odisha Sub-ordinate Staff Selection Commission, Bhubaneswar, set up by the Government of Odisha to conduct centralized recruitment examination for district cadre Group- B & C civil posts, invites Bid for selection of Service Providers for the following examination related services.

1. **Examination:** - DTP (Typing bilingual), designing, printing and supply of Question Booklets and Two Part Carbonless blank OMR Answer Sheets.
2. **Post Examination:** - Scanning of OMR Answer Sheets, validation of data, evaluation, verification and authentication of roll numbers, processing, preparation of merit list of all candidates along with district-wise, category-wise break up.

The selection will remain valid for the next 5 years unless otherwise found wanting in performance. The Commission reserves the right to select upto three service providers, i.e. L1, L2 and L3 bidders for this service provided the L2 and L3 bidders agree to provide the services at L1 rate. In case the Commission selects two or three service providers, the work will be allocated to the service providers on rotation basis as will be decided by the Commission from time to time.

The terms of reference, detailed scope of work, eligibility criteria etc. are available in the full document hosted in the Commission's web portal www.osssc.gov.in.. BID complete in all respect with documents indicated in the proper proforma should reach "**The Secretary, Odisha Sub-ordinate Staff Selection Commission, Block No.3 & 5, Unit I, Bhubaneswar-751009**" by Registered/Speed Post or private courier in a sealed envelope superscribed on the Top cover "BID FOR SELECTION OF RECRUITMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS" latest by 05.00 PM on **31.10.2022**.

a) Pre-Bid meeting will be held at **03.00PM** on **05.11.2022** in virtual mode. Agencies/parties, if interested to participate in the pre-bid meeting will have to submit their willingness by Email : osssc.od@nic.in to the Commission on or before **20.10.2022**. The link to join Pre-Bid meeting will be made available to the parties in advance.
b) After the Pre-Bid meeting required modification, if any, will be incorporated in the document and will be finally published on **10.11.2022** and will be closed on **30.11.2022**.
c) The bidding process will start from **10.11.2022** and close on **30.11.2022**.
d) The Technical BIDs will be opened at **11.30AM** on **01.12.2022** and Financial bid will be opened at a later date and intimated to the parties who qualify in Technical Bid.

The OSSSC, Bhubaneswar, reserves rights to cancel or reject any or all the BID/s without assigning any reason thereof.

Secretary
T-165 OIPR-09007/11/0026/2223

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, जल संसाधन खण्ड प्रथम, अजमेर

क्रमांक: 2021-25 दिनांक: 23.09.2022

संशोधित सूचना

इस कार्यालय के द्वारा जारी ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 03/2022-23 में निम्नानुसार निविदा डाउनलोड व अपलोड एवं निविदा खोलने की दिनांक में संशोधन किया जाता है।

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1	निविदा डाउनलोड व अपलोड	15.09.22 से 06.10.22 सायं 06.00 बजे तक	15.09.22 से 17.10.22 सायं 06.00 बजे तक
2	निविदा खोलने की दिनांक	07.10.22 दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक	18.10.22 दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक
3	ई-ग्रास चालान बैंक में जमा कराने की निर्धारित दिनांक व समय	6.10.2022 को सायं 4.00 बजे तक	17.10.2022 को सायं 6.00 बजे तक

नोटः-
1. निविदा के बिन्दु संख्या 13 के विस्तार के संदर्भ में निविदादाता या उसके प्रतिनिधि द्वारा कार्यस्थल पर अधिशासी अभियन्ता या उनके प्रतिनिधि कार्यस्थल प्रभारी सहायक/ कनिष्ठ अभियन्ता के साथ जाकर जियोटेकिंग, कार्य के तीन प्रमुख स्थानों की फोटोग्राफ हस्ताक्षरयुक्त प्रमाण-पत्र सहित निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ प्रस्तुत (अपलोड) करना अनिवार्य होगा अन्यथा निविदा मान्य नहीं होगी (संलग्न प्रमाण पत्र प्रारूप)।
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INBRIEF

'India's geospatial technology industry set to grow at 12.8%'

India's geospatial technology industry was expected to cross ₹63,100 crore by 2025 at a growth rate of 12.8%, Union Science Minister Jitendra Singh said at a briefing on Sunday to announce the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) scheduled in Hyderabad from October 10 to 14. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to address one of the sessions during the meeting. The conference is expected to be attended by over 2,000 delegates, including over 700 international delegates and participants from nearly 120 countries. It will also have participants from the Survey of India, NGOs and academia.

CBI makes social media debut ahead of Interpol meet

Social media shy Central Bureau of Investigation has made a maiden appearance on Twitter and Instagram ahead of the upcoming Interpol General Assembly, in which 195 countries are likely to participate, officials said on Sunday. The agency created its accounts on both platforms with the user, ID CBI_CIO, for the three-day-long 90th General Assembly starting on October 18, they said. Unlike its peers, the CBI had kept social media at arm's length, sticking to the age-old practice of issuing press releases. The General Assembly will focus on cybercrime, financial crimes and child sexual abuse material peddled on the Internet, among other issues PTI

ONDC seeks public comments on 24 issues to build trust

The Open Network for Digital Commerce, a government entity to democratise e-commerce in India, has sought public comments on 24 issues pertaining to payments, fulfilment of orders, refunds and cancellations to build trust among network participants. The ONDC floated a consultation paper to seek views on steps it had taken to build trust so that more participants could take advantage of the e-commerce sector. "This is an open consultation. The last date for submitting responses is 31st October 2022," the paper titled "Public consultation: building trust in the ONDC network" said. PTI

With drained battery and no fuel, Mangalyaan bids adieu

India's Mars Orbiter craft has run out of propellant and its battery is drained beyond the safe limit, fuelling speculation that the country's maiden interplanetary mission Mangalyaan may have finally completed its long innings. The ₹450 crore Mars Orbiter Mission was launched onboard PSLV-C25 on November 5, 2013, and the MOM spacecraft was successfully inserted into the Martian orbit on September 24, 2014 in its first attempt. "Right now, there is no fuel left. The satellite battery has drained," a source in the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said. "The link has been lost." There was, however, no official word from the country's national space agency. PTI

'NEP prescribes no language; States can choose'

States will have the freedom to choose the language of instruction in the democratic and decentralised process laid out in the National Education Policy, 2020, says the head of the high-powered Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, dismissing the assumption of imposition of languages

INTERVIEW

Chamu Krishna Shastry

Jagriti Chandra

The Education Ministry in November 2021 constituted a high-powered committee, the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, for the promotion of Indian languages, led by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh-affiliated Sanskrit proponent **Chamu Krishna Shastry**. The committee is tasked with preparing an action plan for the growth of Indian languages as prescribed under the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, which requires the mother tongue to be the medium of instruction. He speaks on the road map being readied by the panel. Excerpts:

The committee will soon complete one year. How much ground have you covered so far?

We are making a study of the current situation of languages in schools, higher education institutions and other domains of language use, such as jobs. We have found that there are 35 mother tongues as mediums of instruction, and as part of the three-language formula, 160 languages and mother tongues are taught (for example, Hindi is a mother tongue and a language, while Garhwali is a mother tongue but not a language). The first roadblock in implementing NEP is providing study material, and our focus for the first year is to prepare books in the languages of the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution from Class 1 to the postgraduate level.

What will be the key focus areas for promoting Indian languages?

Apart from textbooks, we need to prepare teachers to be bilingual. Then, there is a need to ensure employment, not just teaching jobs for language students. We have held discussions with the Chairman of the National Skill Development Corporation on incorporating languages as a qualification.

However, there is resistance from certain non-Hindi States, which say the NEP, 2020 imposes Hindi.

It is the first time in NEP that we are seeing a strong push for Indian languages. No language has been prescribed. States will decide, they have the freedom to choose. It will be a democratic, decentralised process. There is no imposition.

Under the NEP, the mother tongue will be the medium of instruction till Class 5 or preferably till Class 8. How will it be implemented, say, in Delhi, where there is a plurality of languages?

I will answer this question in a different way. Before English, was there ever any conflict over languages? Borders of the States kept expanding or contracting, and there were new kings, but was there a dispute over language?

There are many commonalities in Indian languages – their phonology is similar, 50%-60% of the vocabulary is common, sentence structure is common, subject-object-verb pattern is common, there is a common literary source, and similar aspiration, as a result of which people were able to understand different languages.

Since the NEP says either mother tongue or regional language can be medium of instruction, does that mean Tamil will be the medium of instruction in Tamil Nadu as the dominant mother tongue?

This is the image created about Tamil. Weavers in Sivakasi speak Saurashtri, the Gounder community in Coimbatore speaks Telugu. There are also Malayalam- and Kannada-speaking populations. The State's population is six crore and 30-35% of them speak other languages. Even Tamil has 12 or 13 different dialects. But for some special reasons, Tamil Nadu has only promoted Tamil. Now they will face problems [in implementing NEP] for only learning Tamil. Tamil is also on the wane in the State. In 2010, there were 75% Tamil-medium students in Class 12, and in 2020, this figure is down to 55%. Tamil is [on the decline] because of their policy. They have to change mindset.

What plans do you have for promoting the Hindi and Sanskrit languages?

Hindi needs to be promoted just like all other Indian languages. Nearly 50% of citizens speak Hindi, so that is an advantage. Where there is English medium, it should be replaced with Hindi. There should be a desire or intent to learn Hindi, which will unify the country.

Sanskrit so far has been taught through either English or Hindi, and the big push in NEP is for teaching Sanskrit through Sanskrit.

(Full interview on https://bit.ly/3dW8ybp)

PUCL report claims abuse of UAPA, seeks its withdrawal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) has released a report titled "UAPA: criminalising dissent and state terror" on the alleged abuse of the legislation between 2009 and 2022, and demanded that the law be repealed.

Based on the annual reports of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) from 2015 to 2020, the study said the per-case conviction rate under the UAPA was 27.57% compared with 49.67% in Indian Penal Code (IPC) cases. The per-arrestee conviction rate was just 2.8% against 22.19% in IPC cases. During the check period, 5,924 cases were registered and 8,371 persons arrested.

The National Investigation Agency, on its website, had listed 456 cases of which 78% involved UAPA charges.

The report also sought repeal of the NIA Act and disbanding of the agency; release of all political prisoners, on bail; and action to provide reparations for those wrongfully accused and released by courts.

Telangana scoops Swachh Survekshan Gramin, 2022 award

President speaks of plans to make all six lakh villages in India free of open defecation in the second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Telangana was ranked first for the cleanliness of its villages in the Swachh Survekshan Gramin (SSG), 2022, which looked into the sanitation status of rural areas. After Telangana, Haryana was placed second followed by Tamil Nadu in the Large States category.

The Swachh Survekshan Gramin, 2022 award ranks States and districts on the basis of their performance attained on Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G) parameters and engagement of the rural community in improvement of their sanitation status. Among smaller States and Union Territories, Andaman and Nicobar secured the first position, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Sikkim.

President Droupadi Murmu presenting the awards at Swachh Bharat Divas event in New Delhi on Sunday. PTI

"Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin is a movement to bring in behavioural change in our populace. The use of toilets, the habit of washing hands with soap and having water supply through taps acted as a shield for the country during the pandemic," said President Droupadi Murmu, while giving away the awards.

Ms. Murmu noted that since the launch of SBM-G in 2014, over 11 crore toilets had been built and about 60 crore people had given up open defecation. The second phase of the mission, launched in 2020, aims to make all six lakh villages in India 'Open Defecation Free Plus', she said. "Having achieved success against open defecation, we now have to address more complex and technical problems like solid and liquid waste management," she added.

NRIs to benefit from UAE's new policy on immigration

Biju Govind
KOZHIKODE

Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), especially Keralites who constitute the largest share of the Gulf diaspora, are elated at the UAE's new immigration policy, which comes into effect on Monday.

The new visa rules are said to be highly beneficial to expatriates, investors and tourists travelling to this Gulf Cooperation Council nation. "The multiple-entry visit visa is sympathetic to NRI students pursuing their studies in India or other countries. Besides, the new immigration policy allows the expatriate community to bring their family members and friends to the UAE for a longer stay," Rajesh Rudran, a legal consultant based in Abu Dhabi, said.

The advanced visa system includes a 10-year expanded golden visa scheme, a five-year green residency and new entry permits, including one for job seekers. While the multi-entry tourist visa allows visitors to stay in the UAE for up to 90 days, the five-year green visa is favourable for skilled workers, freelancers and the self-employed.

The job exploration visa for degree holders does not require a sponsor or host now

The job exploration visa for degree holders does not require a sponsor or host. It will be granted to those classified in the first, second or third skill level by the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation and to fresh graduates from the best 500 universities in the world. Parents can sponsor their male children till the age of 25, up from 18.

The amendment in the golden visa allows more professionals in medicine, sciences and engineering, information technology, business and administration on salaries above 30,000 dirhams (approximately ₹6.7 lakh) a month to secure a 10-year visa. Additionally, they can also sponsor any number of domestic labourers.

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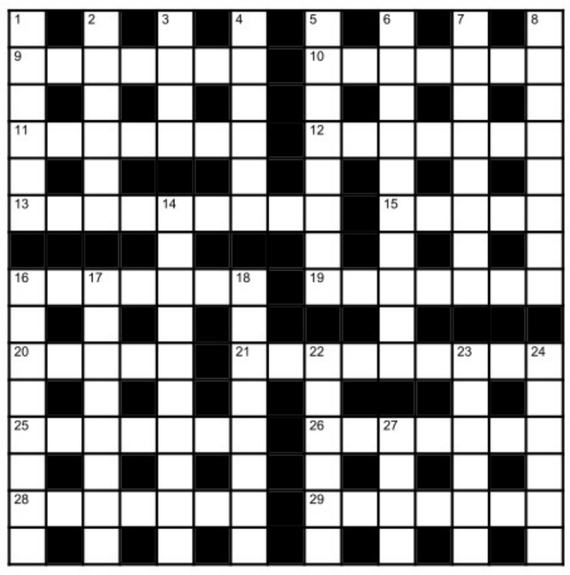

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10 Falls again, shot by artillerymen (7)
11 New one, back on track (7)
12 Police respect staff (7)
13 Better actor including one who can take charge (9)
15 Every year the one inside goes missing, cancel (5)
16 Strange, midway it becomes obvious (7)
19 No items become wet (7)
20 European computer expert's right inside (5)
21 A racket to grab kidney's hormone (9)
25 Named as strange followers of Bacchus (7)
26 "Listen, listen surreptitiously" Spooner on big squeeze (4,3)
28 Chemical split over time (7)
29 Plant you initially planted in English county (7)

Down

1 Charlie able to raise a toast with this (6)
2 Associates drink after match (4,2)
3 Day an American President built a wall (4)
4 Group found IT offensive in Vietnam (6)
5 A worry with never ending capital (8)
6 Doctor on trial for accepting card that is cut (10)
7 Drill sergeant's rant about time wasted (8)
8 Go perhaps and chart a strategy (4,4)
14 Stop teams playing after one wins (10)
16 Story over Indian chief (8)
17 Vassal knelt perhaps gentlemanlike (8)
18 Crosses junction, trains travelling south (8)
22 Upset about bad start but strong (6)
23 Place to make a hole right through (6)
24 Name a painter in Japan (6)
27 Plant producing a drink (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13675

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Divine knowledge

In the 13 chapter of the Gita on Kshetra Kshetrajna jnana, Krishna gives a comprehensive explanation of the core and secret of all esoteric knowledge, pointed out Sri R. Krishnamurthy Sastrigal in a discourse. The wonder in this is that it is characterised by its all pervasiveness and also by its unique quality of effulgence that illuminates all. This truth is beyond objective perception, that is, it is not tangible to the senses. This can be understood to a certain extent in the Gita itself, when Krishna grants divine vision, Jnana Chakshus, to Arjuna to behold His cosmic form. The experience or awareness belongs to the inner being and hence it is known as Jnana Chakshus. One has to see deep within one's self to discover the nature of the undying spirit intertwined with the entire creation. The body, comprising the mind, senses, intellect and chitta is the Kshetra.

God's unlimited power enters into creation and manifests as different beings with their respective limitations with regard to time, place and individual characteristics. There is a distinction between consciousness and objects which the consciousness observes. So too, the indwelling spirit in the self that is not any of these, but is the cause of all, that is always aware and is the ever present witness of all, is the Kshetrajna. It is the cosmic consciousness for which the entire creation in all its infinite variety is the Kshetra, the object of awareness. So, the individual self caught in the cycle of birth and the universe come under Kshetra, or the field. If only the individual recognises the comparison of the body to a field, he can see how the body can be used to save the self from revolving in samsara.

FORT MYERS

Florida deaths rise to 47 amid struggle to recover from Ian

Boats and damaged houses are pictured in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian on San Carlos Island, Florida, on Saturday. At least 54 people are confirmed dead: 47 in Florida, four in North Carolina and three in Cuba. The Category 4 hurricane was one of the strongest to make landfall in the United States. AFP

TEHRAN

At least 92 killed in Iran's Mahsa Amini protests, says rights group

Tear gas fired by security forces to disperse protesters in front of Tehran University in Iran on Saturday. At least 92 people have been killed as Iran has cracked down on women-led protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini after her arrest by the notorious morality police, the group Iran Human Rights said on Sunday. AP

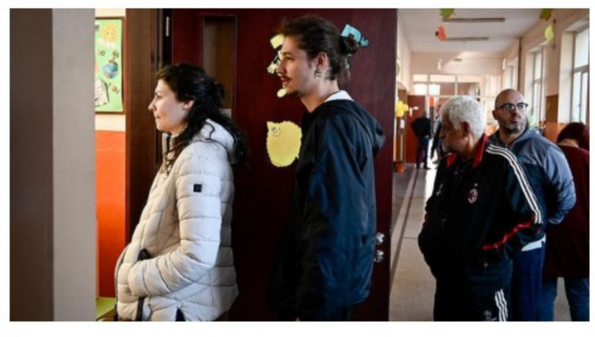
OUAGADOUGOU

Unrest simmers in Burkina Faso following claim of coup

Soldiers carrying weapons escort the convoy of Burkina Faso's self-declared new leader Ibrahim Traore on Sunday. Security forces fired tear gas to disperse protesters outside the French embassy in the capital on Sunday, as unrest simmered in the restive West African nation following the claim of a second coup this year. REUTERS

SOFIA

Bulgarians vote in fourth election in less than two years



Voters wait to cast their ballots at a polling station during the country's parliamentary election in Sofia on Sunday. Bulgarians began voting in their fourth general election in 18 months, anxious about soaring consumer prices and energy costs ahead of a winter overshadowed by the Ukraine war. AFP

Lula versus Bolsonaro: Brazil votes in polarising presidential election

The 76-year-old leftist front-runner, who led Brazil in the 2000s, promises to get the Latin American giant 'back to normal' amid fears that the far-right incumbent will not accept a defeat

Agence France-Presse
RIO DE JANEIRO

Making a choice: Voters lining up at a polling post in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil on Sunday. AP

Brazilians voted on Sunday in a polarising presidential election, with leftist front-runner Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva vowing to get Brazil "back to normal" amid fears far-right incumbent Jair Bolsonaro will not accept a defeat.

Mr. Lula, who led the Latin American giant in the 2000s and is seeking to make a comeback at 76, voted in his bastion in the southeastern state of Sao Paulo, saying he wanted "a country at peace" after four years under combative former Army Captain Mr. Bolsonaro, 67.

"We don't want more hate, more discord," said the former President (2003-2010), kissing the paper slip given to voters after casting his ballot in a dark suit and button-up shirt.

Mr. Bolsonaro, for his part, voted in Rio de Janeiro in the yellow-and-green jersey of Brazil's national football team, telling reporters the results must be respected if elections are "clean."

The incumbent, who has repeatedly alleged Brazil's electronic voting system is plagued by fraud – without evidence – did not answer journalists' questions on whether he would accept the result if he loses.

He said he was confident he would win despite opinion polls showing Mr. Lula with a double-digit lead.

As the half-way mark loomed in eight hours of voting, Supreme Electoral Court President Alexandre de Moraes hailed the "transparency, security, auditability of electronic voting machines". So far, voting has proceeded "without any problem, with peace of mind," he told reporters in Brasilia.

Mr. Lula went into Sunday leading Bolsonaro with 50% of valid votes to 36%, according to a final poll from the Datafolha institute.

This put Mr. Lula within arm's reach of winning outright and avoiding a runoff on October 30.

Mr. Bolsonaro's attacks on the voting system have raised fears of a Brazilian version of the riots at the U.S. Capitol last year after his political role model, former President Donald Trump, refused to accept his election loss.

Mr. Trump gave Mr. Bolsonaro a glowing endorsement on Saturday, calling him a "fantastic leader" in a video posted on social media.

Casting her vote in the capital, Brasilia, housewife Aldeyze dos Santos, 40, said she supports Mr. Bolsonaro because "I'm a Christian, I only vote for candidates who are for what's in the Bible."

In Rio, retired psychologist Katia Ferrari, 67, said: "I hate Bolsonaro."

Ukrainian troops press on after taking back strategic eastern city from Russians

Associated Press
KYIV

Russia attacked the Ukrainian President's hometown with suicide drones on Sunday, as Ukraine pushed ahead with its counteroffensive after taking back control of a strategic eastern city.

Russia's loss of Lyman, which it had been using as a transport and logistics hub, is a new blow to the Kremlin as it seeks to escalate the war by illegally annexing four regions of Ukraine.

"The Ukrainian flag is already in Lyman," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in his nightly address.

In southern Ukraine, Mr. Zelensky's hometown Krivyi Rih came under Russian attack by a suicide drone that struck a school early on Sunday, said Valentyn Reznichenko, the Governor of Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region.

Russian attacks also targeted the city of Zaporizhzhia, authorities said.

Ukraine's military carried out a strike on a Russian ammunition depot in the country's south, in Chernihiv, and hitting other Russian command posts, ammunition depots and two S-300 anti-aircraft batteries.

Changing hands: A member of the Ukrainian troops bringing down a Donetsk Republic flag hoisted on a monument in Lyman. REUTERS

PM Karin's centrist party wins election in Latvia

Agence France-Presse
RIGA

Prime Minister Krisjanis Karins's pro-Western centrist party won the elections in Latvia, while parties supported by the Baltic state's large Russian-speaking minority have suffered major setbacks, official results showed on Sunday.

With almost all ballots from Saturday's vote counted, Mr. Karins's New Unity party was in the first place with 18.94%, while the Harmony party, traditionally backed by Russian speakers, may not have won enough votes to enter parliament. Harmony came first in the last election in 2018. The Russian-speaking minority in Latvia makes up around 30% of the population.

Kwatra calls on Maldives President

Press Trust of India
MALE

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra on Sunday called on Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and held discussions on bilateral relations, including on progress of ongoing development projects in the archipelagic state.

Mr. Kwatra also held talks with his Maldivian counterpart, Ahmed Latheef, during which they reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral cooperation and witnessed the exchange of the $100 million Line of Credit agreement.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesman Arindam Bagchi said Mr. Kwatra assured Mr. Solih of India's firm commitment to the growth of India-Maldives partnership.

U.S., Australia, Japan to boost military ties

Agence France-Presse
HONOLULU

The Defence Ministers of the United States, Australia and Japan agreed on Saturday to boost military cooperation in the face of China's growing ambitions "to shape the world around it".

"We are deeply concerned by China's increasingly aggressive and bullying behavior in the Taiwan Strait, and elsewhere in the region," U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said as he welcomed his counterparts from Australia and Japan to the U.S. military headquarters for the Pacific region in Hawaii.

"Our interest lies in the upholding of the global rules-based order," said Richard Marles, the Australian Defence Minister.

Unite to face great struggles, major risks, Xi tells party officials

Press Trust of India
BEIJING

Xi Jinping

Chinese President Xi Jinping said the Communist Party must be united to prepare for "great struggles and face major risks", ahead of this month's key Congress of the ruling party where he is expected to get endorsed for a record third five-year term.

In an article published in the party's journal *Qiushi* on Saturday, China's National Day, 69-year-old Mr. Xi said the country "has never been closer" to achieving its great national rejuvenation, but the last mile would be full of perils and challenges.

"Our party must be united to lead the people to face major challenges effectively, defend against major risks, overcome major barriers and resolve major contradictions. We must press on with great struggles under new historical characteristics," Mr. Xi wrote, the Hong Kong-based *South China Morning Post* reported on Sunday. His call for the party's unity came as China faced increasing isolation with growing adversity with the U.S., EU, and Japan over Taiwan, besides growing domestic pressures owing to economic slowdown.

Mr. Xi said the party members must demonstrate tenacity and persistence to complete the journey. "We will not walk back to the old path of isolation and dogmatism, nor shall we ever take the evil path of changing flags," he said, using a metaphor common in revolutionary language to mean changing the political system.

Pak. Cabinet approves legal action against Imran Khan

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Cabinet on Sunday decided to launch legal action against former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his party's top leaders over audio leaks in which he could allegedly be heard discussing the controversial U.S. cypher and how to exploit it to portray his ouster as a conspiracy.

At least two audio tapes have been circulating on social media since Tuesday where 69-year-old Mr. Khan can be heard discussing a diplomatic communication with leaders and giving directions about how to use it for political objectives.

The cable based on a meeting of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Central and South Asia Donald Lu with Pakistan ambassador in Washington Asad Majeed reportedly involves the U.S. official discussing the political situation in Pakistan.

ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2022 (OJEE-2022)

No: OJEE / 449 DATE : 01.09.2022

NOTICE FOR CANDIDATES APPLYING UNDER EX-SERVICEMEN CATEGORY FOR ADMISSION IN MBBS / BDS COURSES

Odisha Native candidates of **Ex-Servicemen Category**, who have qualified in NEET (UG) - 2022 and wish to take part in OJEE counselling for admission in **MBBS and BDS Courses** are advised to report to **Rajya Sainik Board, Odisha at IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar during 10th to 13th October, 2022 between 10.30 AM to 5.00 PM,** with all necessary documents for verification of their candidature under Ex- Servicemen category.

For detailed information, please visit OJEE websites **(www.ojee.nic.in / www.odishajee.com)**.

Sd/-
CHAIRMAN, OJEE

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ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2022 (OJEE-2022)

No: OJEE / 452 DATE : 01.10.2022

Notice regarding Medical Board for Physically Challenged (PC) Candidates Seeking Admission to MBBS / BDS Courses through OJEE Counselling, 2022

The **Physically Challenged (PC)** Category Candidates having valid NEET (UG) - 2022 Ranks, who are interested to take admission in MBBS / BDS Courses under PC category through OJEE counselling, are advised to attend the **Medical Board at LT - II (Office of the Dean & Principal), SCB Medical College, Cuttack on 10.10.2022 and 11.10.2022 at 10.00 AM positively**.

Candidates are required to bring their **Admit card/ Rank Card** and **Photo Identity Card** to the Medical Board. **Candidates must report at the Board by 9.30 AM** with 3 ply cotton masks, personal sanitisers etc. and maintain social distance and discipline.

Decision of the Medical Board is final and binding. Admission under PC category will be made only as per the recommendations of this Board.

Sd/-
CHAIRMAN, OJEE, Odisha

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C)
IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR

Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-1874/01/2022 25300 Dated : 30.09.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-Procurement

Name of the Work : Worker's Hostel at Chattabar, Khordha (Three S+6 structures with separate dining Block)
Estimated Cost : Rs. 4884.00 lakhs (apprx).
Period of Completion : 24 (Twenty Four) Calendar months.
Pre-Bid meeting is to be conducted on dtd. 04.11.2022 at 3.30 P.M.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Idco Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Id. No. PC/EST/E-69/ 2022-23	17.00 Hours of 26.10.2022	17.00 Hours of 09.11.2022

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.Tendersorissa.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tenderorissa.gov.in and IDCO Website www.idco.in.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha requests for proposal for **providing professional coaching services in Athletics for Sports and Youth Services Department, Odisha** from eligible agencies through e-tender process. Important dates are given below.

Last date for sending queries to DSYS	October 6, 2022; Time: 11:00 AM; by email to tender.sportsdepartment@gmail.com
Date for pre-bid meeting	October 7, 2022; Time: 11:00 AM ; (through VC)
Last date for submission of completed bids through e -tender	October 25, 2022; Time: 4:00 PM

Other details like tender cost, EMD, dates of opening of technical and financial bids etc. can be downloaded from the website of Sports & Youth Services Department, Odisha at https://department.sportsodisha.gov.in .

Sd/- Joint Sercretary to Government

OIPR-29001/11/0015/2223

ASKUS

Q I am 28. I worked for a private employer until June 2019 for almost 4 years and had a PF account there. I switched to a statutory organisation in July 2019 where only the NPS option is available. Kindly advise whether there is any way to link /transfer my PF funds to NPS without withdrawal?
VINOTHINI

A Though withdrawals from the Employee's Provident Fund (EPF) account are generally tax-free, the employee should have completed 5 years of continuous service to avail of this tax exemption. However, in your case, as you have completed only 4 years of service with your old employer and your current employer does not offer EPF, you may not fulfil the continuous service condition. Therefore, transferring your current EPF balance to the National Pension System (NPS) would be a good move, as such transfers do not attract tax.
A transfer from a recognised provident fund such as the EPF to the NPS is allowed by the PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority) rules. The balance you transfer will not be subject to tax for the relevant year. Nor will it be reckoned as a fresh investment into NPS eligible for tax benefits under section 80C.
To effect such a transfer, you will need to open a Tier 1 account with NPS. You will then need to place a request with the EPF or recognised provident fund run by your old employer for the transfer. Your transfer is required to be initiated by the provident fund's office. If you are currently with a government organisation, EPF may be willing to issue a demand draft or cheque in your name, citing your NPS PRAN number. The process is detailed in this PFRDA notification https://www.pfrda.org.in/writereaddata/links/nps%2006032017a60288f1-fa19-493f-bb8d-cb9a0b81e513.pdf.

Q I am 22 and a fourth year student. I earn ₹7,000 a month, giving tuitions. Is this the ideal time for me to invest in stock market? When should I apply for a credit card to build my CIBIL score?
PRAVEEN B

A Before starting, it is important to understand that equities are a risky asset class, where you can very well lose your capital. This is especially true of volatile times like today when risks ranging from rising interest rates to foreign investor pullouts are leading to falling stock prices.
If you are simply attracted to the high returns given by equity funds in the recent past, you should be aware that these returns can vanish very soon in a volatile market. If you cannot take capital losses on hard-earned savings, there are other investment options available like bank recurring deposits or fixed deposits, post office schemes and debt schemes from mutual funds which you should explore first.
However, if your intent with equity investing is to build your nest egg gradually over a 10-year time frame or more, the best route for beginners is to use a Systematic Investment Plan or SIP where you invest small amounts every month into an equity fund. We suggest you start SIPs in any index fund that tracks the Nifty50 or Nifty100 index. Such funds will help you own the top 50 or 100 stocks in the Indian market. Given your limited income, do not invest over more than 10% of your pay or savings in equities. If your time frame is 10 years plus, you can start right away.
You are quite right to want to build up a credit score for your future needs. Lenders are generally unwilling to give credit without a credit score, and a credit score cannot be built up without borrowings! Getting approval for a credit card from a bank may be tough at this stage. However, you can try using lines of credit for small purchases from newer fintech players who have more relaxed criteria. Alternatively, you can build up a credit history by buying a small-ticket consumer good - like a low-priced mobile phone - on an EMI from a NBFC. Regular settlement of your phone bills towards your post-paid connection can also help. If you take such loans, do make sure to start with very small amounts and to not fall into a debt trap. Ensure you service the debt on time to build up a credit score.
(The writer is **Aarati Krishnan***)*

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The experts on personal finance will answer select queries. Moneywise will not give specific recommendations for investment in a particular.

Rationale behind raising interest rates

A critical facet of the consequences of an interest rate increase is the correction of asset prices. Interest rates act as gravity to stock market prices

TAMING INFLATION

Anand Srinivasan
Sashwath Swaminathan

The Federal Reserve and other central banks around the world have raised interest rates to curb inflation. The rationale behind raising interest rates is that the cost of borrowing rises whenever they are raised, and the incentive to save and invest rather than consume increases due to better yields.

It becomes more expensive to consume rather than save for the future as interest rates are higher. Therefore, the demand for goods reduces, leading to a drop in their prices. This leads to a reduction in wages being paid and a sustained drop in price levels which theoretically forestalls an inflationary spiral.

Raising rates is the first tool for monetary intervention as it is the quickest way to drain excess liquidity in the market. When interest rates go up, real rates also rise, leading to the burden on the borrower increasing in real terms.

Banks operate using a fractional reserve banking system wherein an initial amount of deposit grows multifold due to loans issued using the deposit. However, when rates are raised, this system of monetary expansion works in the opposite manner, contracting exponentially when debt is paid off or defaulted.

Moreover, new loans are more expensive, and therefore, new borrowing slows down, decreasing inflationary pressures regardless of debt defaults or settlements. Another critical facet is the correction of asset prices. Interest rates act as gravity to stock prices. The main reason why stock prices drop when rates rise is due to lower consumption and, therefore, a nominal decline in profit.

> New loans are more expensive; so, new borrowing slows down, which lowers inflationary pressures

Opportunity cost

However, even if one were to assume profit to remain constant, a higher interest rate would mean that earnings would now be discounted at higher rates leading to future cash flows being worth lower than in a low-interest rate regime. The effect of opportunity cost can be seen in fixed-income securities, where, when the rate rises, the security price corrects to account for the rate increase.

Nevertheless, fixed income securities offer better returns in times of deflation as the real value of the fixed payments rises due to the real value of the currency swelling.

The topic of gold, however, is trickier to tackle when rates rise. Gold moves in comparison with the dollar. The recent appreciation in the dollar aided depreciation in gold prices. The opportunity cost of holding gold can be measured in terms of the interest rate received on U.S. T-bills, which is on the rise. Therefore, we see a decline in gold prices as rates rise. The dollar has also appreciated in terms of other currencies.

Gold prices in India move according to the U.S. dollar and rupee exchange rates. If the rupee depreciates more than gold against the dollar, an increase in the price of gold can be observed (and vice-versa). However, gold prices have declined as of writing this piece because the RBI has relentlessly defended the rupee, and has sold U.S. securities to cushion the outflow.

A consequence of defending the rupee is the hit exports take compared with the benefits of cheaper imports. The artificial elevation of the rupee has meant imports are artificially cheaper and exports artificially more expensive. The rupee has appreciated against the pound and the euro, making their domestic producers more competitive and ours weaker.

Further, competing nations such as Bangladesh, Vietnam and China, which let their currencies depreciate, enjoy the benefits of being more competitive with their exports. The IT and pharma industries have suffered price corrections due to the defence of the rupee. An artificially-strong rupee means lower sales revenue and profit, which further widens the trade deficit leading to a greater need for intervention to maintain the current exchange rate.

Furthermore, India has elastic exports, whose demand decreases during recessions and inelastic imports, whose demand stays constant during a downturn. The pressure on domestic exporters and the trade balance will eventually lead to the rupee cracking.

The ability to be liquid in the current scenario will be a significant advantage in the coming years as one can carefully pick investments offering value in both the equity market and fixed-income securities.
(Anand Srinivasan is a financial consultant and Sashwath Swaminathan is a research assistant at Aionion Investment Services)

Gold dips, silver sparkles in Sept.

B. Krishnakumar

Precious metals remained weak in September with Comex gold closing almost at a two-and-a-half year low of $1,672 an ounce.

The strengthening dollar, along with the interest rate hikes undertaken by several central banks, dented sentiment towards precious metals. There was some relief towards the close of the month when the dollar softened a bit, helping precious metals to bounce off lows.

Comex gold fell 3.1% to $1,672 an ounce. Comex silver, however, gained 6.5% to $19.04 an ounce.

MCX gold futures fell 1.1% to ₹50,194 per 10 gm. MCX silver futures closed 6.9% higher at ₹56,858 per kg. Comex gold price dropped well below the then-mentioned target zone of $1,660-1,670. The recent fall has pushed the price to an 'oversold' scenario, and this could trigger a mean reversion or a short-term bounce.

Comex gold could rise to the target of $1,695-1,715. A move past $1,680 would strengthen this short-term positive outlook. A close below $1,645 would invalidate the outlook. Comex silver may head higher in the short term. A move past $19.2 would confirm the positive outlook and push the price to the target of $20.6-21. A fall below $17.9 would invalidate the outlook.

In the domestic market, the short-term outlook is positive for MCX gold which could rise to ₹51,500-52,000. Above ₹52,000, the price could head to the ₹52,800-53,500 range. This view would be invalidated if the price falls below ₹49,000.

The short-term outlook for MCX silver is also positive, and the price could rally to the range of ₹58,500-59,500. The outlook would be under threat if the price drops below ₹55,000. To summarise, the short-term outlook for precious metals is positive. The medium-term outlook remains weak.

(The author is a Chennai-based analyst. This is not meant to be trading or investment advice)

Personal Loans

Rate and Charges — Loan Rs 5 lakh Tenure - 5 years — Loan Rs 1 lakh Tenure - 5 years — (% of loan amount)

Name of Lender	Interest rate (%)	EMI (Rs)	EMI (Rs)	Processing fee
HDFC Bank	11.00 onwards	10,871 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to Rs 4,999
Citibank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 3%
Tata Capital	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 2.75%
State Bank of India	10.30 -15.10	10,697-11,921	2,139-2,384	Up to 1.50% (Rs 1,000-Rs 15,000)
ICICI Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 2.50%
Bank of Baroda	9.70 -17.05	10,550-12,440	2,110-2,488	Up to 2% (Minimum Rs 1,000 and Maximum Rs 10,000)
Axis Bank	10.25 onwards	10,685 onwards	2,137 onwards	1.5%-2%
Kotak Mahindra Bank	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 3%
Bank of India	10.75-13.75	10,809-11,569	2,162-2,314	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 5,000)
Canara Bank	11.60-15.30	11,021-11,974	2,204-2,395	Up to 1%
Punjab National Bank	9.30-15.85	10,452-12,119	2,090-2,424	Up to 1%
HSBC Bank	9.25-15.50	10,440-12,027	2,088-2,405	Up to 2%
Federal Bank	10.49-17.99	10,744-12,694	2,149-2,539	Up to 3%
Union Bank of India	10.30-14.40	10,697-11,738	2,139-2,348	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 7,500)
Bajaj Finserv	13.00 onwards	11,377 onwards	2,275 onwards	Upto 4%
Punjab & Sind Bank	10.90-12.90	10,846-11,351	2,169-2,270	Up to 1%
South Indian Bank	11.75-19.50	11,059-13,108	2,212-2,622	Up to 2%
UCO Bank	11.45-11.70	10,984-11,047	2,197-2,209	Up to 1%
IDFC First Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 3.50%
Bank of Maharashtra	9.40-14.20	10,477-11,686	2,095-2,337	Up to 1%
Indian Overseas Bank	11.40-12.40	10,971-11,224	2,194-2,245	Up to 0.75%
Karnataka Bank	13.10	11,402	2,280	Up to 0.25% (Minimum Rs 250)
IndusInd Bank	10.49 onwards	10,744 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 3%

Car Loans

Rates and Charges — Loan Rs 5 lakh Tenure 1 year — (% of loan amount)

Name of Lender	Interest Rate (%)	EMI (Rs)	Processing fee
Union Bank of India	7.90-9.70	10,114-10,550	Up to Rs. 1,000
Punjab National Bank	8.05-8.90	10,150-10,355	NIL upto 30th September 2022
Bank of Baroda	7.95-11.25	10,126-10,934	Rs 1,500
Canara Bank	8.30-11.00	10,210-10,871	NIL upto 31th December 2022
Bank of India	8.25-9.95	10,198-10,611	NIL
UCO Bank	8.05	10,150	1% (Upto Rs 1,500)
State Bank of India	7.80-8.65	10,090-10,294	NIL
IDBI Bank	8.60 - 9.90	10,282-10,599	Rs 2,500
Bank of Maharashtra*	8.20-11.70	10,186-11,047	NIL
Indian Overseas Bank	8.95	10,367	0.5% - 0.6% (Rs 500-Rs 10,000)
ICICI Bank	8.00 onwards	10,138 onwards	Rs 999-Rs 9,000
HDFC Bank	8.35 onwards	10,222 onwards	0.5% (Rs 3,500-Rs 8,000)
Karnataka Bank	8.61-10.66	10,283-10,787	0.5% (Rs 2,500-Rs 10,000)
Federal Bank	9.90	10,599	Rs 2,000 - Rs 4,500
Axis Bank	8.20-13.05	10,186-11,389	Rs 3,500-Rs 5,500
South Indian Bank	10.55-12.00	10,759-11,122	1% (Max: Rs. 10,000)
City Union Bank	13.00-13.50	11,377-11,505	1% (Min: Rs 250)

*Further interest rate concession of 0.20% on purchase of electric vehicle(Green Car Loan) **0.25% Concession in interest rates for Corporate Salary Account Holder and existing home loan borrower.
Rates and charges as on September 29 — **Source: Paisabazaar.com**

'I' factor in life goal

THINKINVESTOR

The most accessible investment to manage inflation is commodities. But this needs direct investment in commodity derivatives, which not many retail investors prefer

Here, we discuss how to incorporate inflation into a life goal and why minimum acceptable return (MAR) is not inflation-adjusted returns.

Inflation risk

Inflation risk refers to the potential decline in investment value because of increase in inflation in the country where you invest. To manage this risk, you must invest in assets that could increase in value when inflation goes up. Unfortunately, retail investors have few choices. The most accessible investment is commodities. But this requires direct investment in commodity derivatives, which not many retail investors prefer. Empirical research has shown that the best investment to manage inflation is a portfolio of commodities derivatives.

In the absence of products available to manage inflation risk in India, should you inflation-adjust the expected returns on equity and bonds to arrive at MAR? The answer is no, for two reasons.

One, it is difficult to forecast inflation.And two, even if you can forecast inflation, adjusting equity and bond returns for inflation expectations may not be useful. This is because we use the same asset classes (equity and bonds) for all life goals, yet the price impact of inflation may be different for each goal.

Suppose you want to a buy a house six years hence. If the house costs ₹3 crore now, you must estimate how much it is likely to cost six years hence. That is, you must inflation-adjust the amount required to achieve your goal. This way, you incorporate the inflation relating to the life goal you want to achieve, not the inflation based on consumer price index (CPI).

A few goals, such as retirement portfolio, require CPI adjustment. Even so, inflating the amount required to achieve a goal is better. This is because you can get a perspective on inflation relating to housing or education just being aware of the current price trends.

Conclusion

The above argument leads to two observations. One, a shortfall in investment portfolio can lead to a failure to achieve a goal. And two, even if your actual return is equal to expected return, you could fall short of accumulating enough capital to achieve your goal if actual inflation is greater than assumed inflation. If you revise the estimated amount, you must save more during the remaining time horizon to achieve the goal. Without cutting consumption, this capital contribution can be achieved by saving more from the annual salary raise you are likely to receive.

(The writer **Venkatesh Bangaruswamy** *offers training programmes for individuals to manage their personal investments)*

TENNIS

Nishioka beats Shapovalov to win Korean Open

Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka claimed his second career title after beating fourth seed Denis Shapovalov of Canada 6-4, 7-6(5) to win the Korean Open in Seoul on Sunday. The 27-year-old Japanese was impressive in defence and his counter-punching style eventually wore down his higher-ranked opponent in just under two hours.

CRICKET

Malan, Woakes star in England's T20I series win over Pakistan

Dawid Malan hit a brilliant, unbeaten 78 and pacer Chris Woakes took three wickets as England thrashed Pakistan by 67 runs in Lahore on Sunday to win the T20 international series 4-3.
The scores: England 209/3 in 20 overs (Malan 78 n.o., Brook 46 n.o.) bt Pakistan 142/8 in 20 overs (Masood 56, Woakes 3/26).

ATHLETICS

Javelin thrower Shivpal handed four-year ban for failing dope test

Top Indian javelin thrower Shivpal Singh has been handed a four-year suspension for failing a dope test last year by NADA's Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel. Shivpal was placed under provisional suspension in October last year after he failed an out-of-competition test. The ban period began from Oct. 21 last year.

MOTORSPORTS

Rovanpera clinches World Rally Championship title

Finland's Kalle Rovanpera clinched a historic World Rally Championship title with two rounds to spare after easing to victory on the final day of Rally New Zealand in Auckland. One day after his 22nd birthday, Rovanpera became the youngest-ever World champion and the first Finnish title-holder in 20 years.

Haryana routs Gujarat in women's hockey

Sports Bureau
RAJKOT

Defending champion Haryana hammered Gujarat 30-1 in a Group A match in the women's hockey event of the 36th National Games at the Dhyanchand hockey stadium here on Sunday.

The floodgates opened in the second minute as Haryana warmed up for tougher matches by pumping in 12 goals at half-time. Haryana scored nine goals each in the third and fourth quarters.

National champion Odisha came back from behind to beat a spirited challenge from Uttar Pradesh 3-2 in another Group A match in the women's section. In Group B, Punjab picked off Karnataka 6-1 while Jharkhand withstood a late rally from Madhya Pradesh to win 4-2.

Tamil Nadu men started the campaign on a winning note in Group B with a 3-0 win over Jharkhand. In the same pool, Karnataka recovered from an early goal to beat Uttar Pradesh 4-2.

The results: Men: Group B: Tamil Nadu bt Jharkhand 3-0; Karnataka bt Uttar Pradesh 4-2.
Women: Group A: Haryana bt Gujarat 30-1, Odisha bt Uttar Pradesh 3-2.
Group B: Punjab bt Karnataka 6-1; Jharkhand bt Madhya Pradesh 4-2.

Lather upstages Ajay to clinch the 81kg gold

The latter, who trained for just two weeks, takes the silver with 314kg; Jasvir and Arokiya clinch the bragging rights in the women's 64kg and 76kg categories respectively

NATIONAL GAMES

Y.B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

Deepak Lather beat two-time Commonwealth championships gold medallist and fellow Services lifter Ajay Singh to claim his first gold medal in the men's 81kg weight category in the weightlifting arena of the National Games here on Sunday.

Up a notch

Former National champion Lather, representing his home State Haryana, defied a knee issue to improve his performance a notch to secure the top spot with a total of 315kg.

"I am happy to get a gold medal after my National title in 2018. This is my first year in this weight and I improved one kg more than what I had done at the National championships in Bhubaneswar in March," said Lather, who lifted 145kg in his second snatch attempt and 170kg in second clean and jerk effort.

Overcoming the odds: Lather defied a knee issue to emerge the champion. V.V. KRISHNAN

Ajay, who trained for just two weeks, took the silver with 314kg.

In a field comprising reputed names such as current Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Harjinder Kaur, who moved to a higher weight category, and multiple CWG medallist Punam Yadav, National silver medallist R. Arokiya Alish managed to claim the women's 76kg title with an aggregate of 206kg.

The results:
Men: 81kg: 1. Deepak Lather (Har) 145kg (snatch), 170 (clean and jerk), 315 (total); 2. Ajay Singh (SSCB) 142, 172, 314; 3. Abhishek Nipane (Mah) 134, 177, 311.

Women: 64kg: 1. Jasvir Kaur (Pun) 87, 113, 200; 2. S. Pallavi (AP) 88, 111, 199kg; 3. Roshilata Devi (Man) 87, 110, 197.

76kg: 1. R. Arokiya Alish (TN) 89, 117, 206; 2. Punam Yadav (UP) 92, 113, 205; 3. Harjinder Kaur (Pun) 89, 115, 204.

Grappler Antim lives up to her reputation in the 53kg category

Y.B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

World under-20 champion Antim Panghal displayed her class to bag the women's 53kg gold medal in the wrestling arena of the National Games here on Sunday.

Giving a series of dominating performances, Antim lived up to her reputation and warmed herself up for the World under-23 championships in Spain later this month.

Antim Panghal. VIJAY SONEJI

Dominant

Antim outclassed all her opponents with an identical 10-0 margin to set up a title clash with World under-20 bronze medallist Priyanshi Prajapat.

In the final, Antim showcased her alertness and agility to tame a spirited Priyanshi, who usually competes in 50kg, with some fine defence backed by solid counterattacks.

Antim effected two takedowns and a push-out in the opening period to take a 5-0 lead and then returned to pin Priyanshi at the score of 9-0 with more than two minutes left in the clock.

"I followed my coach's advice and did not let a wrestler from a lower weight (Priyanshi) to seize initiative. I am fully ready for the World under-23 event," said Antim.

Mansi pinned Neetu for the women's 57kg crown.

Spectacular show

Yash Tushir got a walkover from an injured Commonwealth Games gold medallist Naveen Malik in the semifinals and spectacularly beat World under-20 bronze medallist Sagar Jaglan 6-1 in the final to pick up the men's freestyle 74kg gold.

Jointy Kumar defeated Vetal in an action-packed freestyle 86kg title clash.

Gyanender (60kg) beat Vikas 9-0 for the 60kg gold, while Satish got a walkover against Naveen in the 130kg Greco Roman summit clashes.

Fancied archers fall by the wayside

Sports Bureau
AHMEDABAD

On a day of upsets, seasoned compound archers Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and V. Jyothi Surekha bit the dust in the individual elimination competitions at the Sanskardham archery ground here on Sunday.

While the experienced campaigners' journey ended prematurely, younger archers grabbed the opportunity to enter the medal rounds.

Ojas Detale and Rishabh Yadav set up a title clash in the men's section, whereas Aditi Swami and Pragati booked their spots in the women's final.

Competition in the men's section began with two shock results as the decorated duo of Abhishek Verma and Rajat Chauhan crashed out in the first round itself.

Abhishek Verma lost to Parth Korde 146-143, while Rajat Chauhan went down fighting to P.Trinath Chowdary 146-145.

In the women's section, triple World championships silver medallist V. Jyothi Surekha's second round exit was the biggest upset. She lost to her Worlds silver team-mate Priya Gurjar 147-145. Priya fell in the following round.

Sarvesh creates high jump Games record

Sports Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

Sarvesh Kushare created a new Games record on his way to the men's high jump gold at the athletics arena of the National Games here on Sunday.

Services jumper Sarvesh achieved a mark of 2.27m to go past Jithin Thomas' 2.16m set in the 2015 Games in Kerala.

Usaid Khan of Uttar Pradesh rewrote a 20-year-old Games record on way to the decathlon title. Usaid aggregated 7121 points to improve upon M. Kumar's total of 6951, set in Hyderabad in 2002.

The results (finals, winners only):
Men: High jump: Sarvesh Anil Kushare (SSCB) 2.27m (GR, Old: 2.16m, Jithin Thomas, Thiruvananthapuram, 2015); **Decathlon:** Usaid Khan (UP) 7121 points (GR, Old: 6951, M. Kumar, Hyderabad, 2002); **4x400m relay:** Haryana (Gourav, Vikrant Panchal, Ayush Dabas, Angrej Singh) 3:06.58 (GR. Old: 3:09.51, Kerala, Ludhiana, 2001).
Women: Triple jump: N.V. Sheena (Ker) 13.37m; **4x400m relay:** Tamil Nadu (J. Dhivya, J. Vithya Ramaraj, Olyumbia Stify, Subha Venkatesan) 3:35.32 (GR, Old: 3:35.34, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 2015).

Sajan, Astha prevent Karnataka clean sweep

Mixed fortunes: Sajan made up for his disappointment in 200m freestyle by winning the 100m butterfly. RITU RAJ KONWAR

M.R. Praveen Chandran
RAJKOT

Olympian Sajan Prakash (Kerala) and Astha Choudhury (Assam) prevented a clean sweep by Karnataka on the opening day of the swimming events of the 36th National Games at the Sardar Patel Aquatic complex here on Sunday.

The first day also saw five new games record being rewritten with Astha Choudhury setting two meet records on her way to gold in 100m butterfly event. Sajan made up for his disappointment in 200m freestyle by winning the 100m butterfly.

18-year-old Astha warmed up by setting a new mark (1:03.90s) in the heats in the morning. However, in the final, Astha trailed Nina Venkatesh after the first 50 metres but the Assam girl found momentum after 60 metres and pulled ahead of the field to finish strongly with a new record (1.03.37s).

The results: Men: 200m freestyle: 1. Aneesh S. Gowda (Kar) (1:51.88 -NGR; OR-1:52.06, Aaron D'Souza, MP, 2015), 2. Sajan Prakash (Ker), 3. Vishal Grewal (Del); **100m butterfly:** 1. Sajan Prakash (Ker) (55.32), 2. Bikram Changmai (Asm), 3. Sanu Debnath (Ben); **4x100m freestyle relay:** 1. Karnataka (3:27.32– NG; OR –3:32.32, Kerala, 2015), 2. Tamil Nadu, 3. SSCB.
Women: 200m freestyle: 1. Hashika Ramachandra (2:07.08 -NGR; OR – 2:07.48, Shivani Kataria, Haryana, 2015), 2. Dhindihi Desinghu (Kar), 3. Bhavya Sachdeva (Del); **100m butterfly:** 1. Astha Choudhury (Asm) (1:03.37 – NGR; OR- 1:03.90-Astha Choudhury, Assam, 2022), 2. Tanishi Gupta (Kar), 3. Nina Venkatesh (Kar); **4x100m freestyle relay:** 1. Karnataka (4:03.10 – NGR; OR – 4:04.57, Maharashtra, 2015).

Yuvika proves too good for Rhythm in women's 10m air pistol

Santadeep Dey
AHMEDABAD

Rhythm Sangwan on Sunday fell a few high-10s short of what could have been an epic comeback first-place finish in the women's 10m air pistol final of the 36th National Games at the Ahmedabad Rifle and Military Training Association range in Khanpur.

Having topped qualification with 582-16x, the 18-year-old from Haryana got off to a horrid start in the ranking leg as she found herself at the very bottom of the pile for a while during the first series, when she registered 49.2.

She shot 49.4 in the second series, and thanks to average showings from five others, Rhythm bought herself some breathing space. A 10.3 off the last shot in the third series to get to 50.8, saw her gradually climb to the fifth spot.

With 50.1 in the folowing series, Rhythm moved into the second slot and displaced Yuvika Tomar from the top, 1.2 points clear of the Uttar Pradesh markswoman.

Firing away: Shiva and Vijayveer in action in men's 10m air pistol. VIJAY SONEJI

However, she seemed to have lost all her momentum in the final – even hitting two 8s – as Yuvika thrashed Rhythm 16-6 to take gold. T.S. Divya of Karnataka won bronze.

In the men's event, Vijayveer Sidhu and Shiva Narwal, both part of the World Championship squad, bagged gold and silver respectively. Naveen, the other candidate headed to Cairo, had a forgettable outing and finished outside the top-eight.

Although Haryana's Shiva topped the ranking match, Vijayveer earned Punjab more points, with an emphatic 17-5 finish.

The 50m rifle 3 positions was a tightly-contested affair, with both Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Niraj Kumar not looking to leave an inch in the gold medal game. However, it was Niraj who romped home with a scoreline of 17-11. Veteran shooter and Olympian Deepak Kumar clinched bronze.

Interestingly, Niraj had just managed to scrape through to the ranking match, finishing eighth in qualification, while Aishwary had topped both qualification and ranking only to falter in the final few minutes.

City hammers United via Haaland and Foden hat-tricks

Stroll in the park: Haaland and Foden wouldn't have imagined things to be so easy as they scored a treble each for City. REUTERS

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
MANCHESTER

Erling Haaland and Phil Foden scored hat-tricks to fire champion Manchester City to a rampant 6-3 thrashing of local rival Manchester United in the Premier League on Sunday.

Foden got the scoring underway inside eight minutes, before Haaland headed his first in the 34th minute to put City in command.

He struck again in the 34th minute on the stretch before Foden added the fourth three minutes later.

Big-money signing Antony curled a stunning strike into the net early in the second half to give United faint hope of a remarkable comeback, before Haaland fired home his 17th goal of an incredible season.

Foden completed his first Premier League treble to finish off the perfect afternoon for irresistible City, before United substitute Anthony Martial added a late consolation double to make the scoreline more respectable.

Other results: Serie A: Lazio 4 (Zaccagni 12, Romanogli 24, Milinkovic-Savic 62, 90+1) bt Spezia 0.
On Saturday: La Liga: Real Mallorca 0 lost to Barcelona 1 (Lewandowski 20).
Serie A: Empoli 1 (Bajrami 90+2) lost to AC Milan 3 (Rebic 79, Ballo-Toure 90+4, Leao 90+7).

INBRIEF

Oliveira wins rain-hit Thai MotoGP as title race tightens

Miguel Oliveira delivered a wet-weather masterclass to win the Thai MotoGP at Buriram on Sunday, but world champion Fabio Quartararo finished 17th to leave his lead at the top at just two points. Portugal's KTM rider Oliveira took the chequered flag ahead of Australia's Jack Miller, with title contender Francesco Bagnaia of Italy third.

Rijiju, Anurag Thakur launch Fit India Freedom Run 3.0

The Fit India Freedom Run 3.0 was launched at the Major Dhyanchand National Stadium in New Delhi on Sunday morning. It was one of the most significant nationwide movements started by the Government of India during the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and the third edition was jointly launched with a Fit India Plog Run by Union Minister of Law and Justice, Kiren Rijiju and Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur.

Indian men's team defies odds to stun Germany

The Indian men's team defied heavy odds to script one of the biggest upsets of the World team table tennis championships in Chengdu, China, on Sunday in Group 2, edging out second seeded Germany 3-1 .

This is India's second straight win in the Group. Later, the Indian women's team blanked Czech Republic 3-0 for its first win in Group 5.

The results:
Men: **Group 2**: India bt Germany 3-1 (G. Sathiyan bt Benedikt Duda 11-13, 4-11, 11-8, 11-4, 11-9; Harmeet Desai lost to Dang Qiu 7-11, 9-11, 13-11, 3-11; Manav Thakkar bt Ricardo Walther 13-11, 6-11, 11-8, 12-10; Sathiyan bt Dang 10-12, 7-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-9).
Women: **Group 5**: India bt Czech Republic 3-0 (Manika Batra bt Hana Matelova 11-6, 11-6, 8-11, 12-10; Sreeja Akula bt Marketa Sevcikova 11-5, 11-3, 11-8; Diya Chitale bt Katerina Tomanovska 11-13, 15-13, 12-10, 14-12).

LIVE TELECAST

Women's Asia Cup: Hotstar, 8.30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Irani Trophy: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.15 a.m. (Tuesday)
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)

Perez delivers a masterclass in tricky conditions to triumph

The Mexican driver comes out on top under lights despite a post-race five-second penalty for a Safety Car infringement; Leclerc and Sainz bring cheer to Ferrari with podium finishes; championship leader Verstappen places seventh

SINGAPORE GP

S. Dipak Ragav
SINGAPORE

Smacking success: Perez shows his joy after pulling off a great drive on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Red Bull's Sergio Perez snatched the lead at the start from pole-sitter Charles Leclerc and had to dig into every reserve of his talent to stay in front and win the Singapore Grand Prix in extremely tricky conditions at the Marina Bay Street Circuit here on Sunday.

Perez's win was certified four hours after the chequered flag fell and despite five seconds being added to his race time as a penalty for failing to keep within ten car lengths of distance behind the Safety Car.

The Mexican driver was informed during the race that he would be investigated after the race and the team urged him to build a gap over Leclerc.

Perez eventually finished 7.5 seconds ahead of the Ferrari driver, who made a couple of mistakes towards the closing stages of the race which in the end proved vital in the former keeping his win.

The race was delayed by an hour due to torrential downpour just 90 minutes before the scheduled start.

Leclerc and his teammate Carlos Sainz came home second and third to help Ferrari extend its lead in the constructors' standings over Mercedes.

On a damp track, all the drivers started the race on intermediate tyres before switching to dry weather tyres halfway into the race.

The tricky conditions caught out many drivers, some hitting the walls while some crashed into each other, bringing out the Virtual and full Safety Cars.

This meant the race ended after hitting the maximum time of two hours, two laps before the scheduled 61 laps were completed.

However, on a day when he had a chance to clinch his second title, Max Verstappen had a frustrating weekend and could only finish seventh and take six points.

McLaren was another big gainer as Norris and Daniel Ricciardo finished fourth and fifth after the duo waited till the second Safety Car on lap 37 to change from inters to full dry tyres and move up the grid. It was Perez's second win of the year after coming out on top in another rain-hit race around a street circuit in Monaco earlier in the season.

The results: 1. Perez (Red Bull) 2:02:20.238s, 2. Leclerc (Ferrari) 2.595, 3. Sainz (Ferrari) 10.305, 4. Norris (McLaren) 21.133, 5. Ricciardo (McLaren) 53.282, 6. Stroll (Aston Martin) 56.330, 7. Verstappen (Red Bull) 58.825, 8. Vettel (Aston Martin) 60.032, 9. Hamilton (Mercedes) 61.515, 10. Gasly (AlphaTauri) 69.576. 11. Bottas (Alfa Romeo) 88.844, 12. Magnussen (Haas) 92.610.

+1 lap: 13. Schumacher (Haas), 14. Russell (Mercedes).

DNF: Tsunoda (AlphaTauri), Ocon (Alpine), Albon (Williams), Alonso (Alpine), Latifi (Williams), Zhou (Alfa Romeo).

Standings: Drivers: 1. Verstappen 341, 2. Leclerc 237, 3. Perez 235, 4. Russell 203, 5. Sainz 202.

Constructors: 1. Red Bull 576, 2. Ferrari 439, 3. Mercedes 373, 4. McLaren 129, 5. Alpine 125.

Top seeds Bopanna and Middelkoop win doubles crown in Tel Aviv

INDIANS ABROAD

Sports Bureau

Top seeded Rohan Bopanna and Matwe Middelkoop cruised to a 6-2, 6-4 victory over third seeds Santiago Gonzalez and Andres Molteni in the doubles final of the $1,019,855 ATP tennis tournament in Tel Aviv on Sunday.

It was a smart finish for the Indo-Dutch pair after it had negotiated the super tie-break in the first three rounds.

It was the third title of the season for the 42-year-old Bopanna, who had won the other two early in the season with Ramkumar Ramathan in Adelaide and Pune.

Bopanna and Middelkoop collected $50,000 and 250 ATP points, and the runner-up, $26,850 and 150 points.

The results:
$1,019,855 ATP, Tel Aviv, Israel: Final: Matwe Middelkoop (Ned) & Rohan Bopanna bt Santiago Gonzalez (Mex) & Andres Molteni (Arg) 6-2, 6-4.

Sakariya shines with the ball, but all-round show by Saurabh gives Rest of India further control

IRANI CUP

Amol Karhadkar
RAJKOT

Safe hands: Sarfaraz Khan pouches Snell Patel's catch off Saurabh Kumar's bowling. SAURASHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The left-handed duo of Saurabh Kumar and Chetan Sakariya were in cruise control mode as the duo starred on a gruelling second day's play of the Irani Cup tie between Saurashtra and Rest of India.

While Sakariya's five-wicket haul in his maiden Irani outing helped Saurashtra restrict Rest of India to 374 in the first innings, it was Saurabh – the diminutive dynamo from Uttar Pradesh – who created an impact to help Rest of India lay one hand on the prized silverware.

Thanks to Saurabh's classy fifty, Rest of India extended the first innings advantage to 276 runs. Towards the end of the day's proceedings, he claimed the Saurashtra openers to leave the host reeling at 49 for two.

Despite the marathon man Cheteshwar Pujara waiting in the dressing room, it will take a Herculean task for Saurashtra to make RoI bat again.

Safe bets

The day was marked by safe bets from both the teams after an action-packed opening day, with Saurashtra resorting to containing tactics against overnight batters.

The consistent fifth-stump line in the morning meant neither Hanuma Vihari nor Sarfaraz Khan got freebies to score.

And once the runs dried up, it led to Chirag Jani forcing them into false strokes in successive overs.

Poking outside

While Vihari poked outside off to edge to slips, Sarfaraz went for a lofted drive to be rapped in front of the wickets.

Sakariya had K.S. Bharat caught in the slips moments before lunch. Saurabh was impressive with his run-scoring ability square off the wicket on either side.

By the time he edged an attempted horizontal heave off Sakariya, he had not only crossed his fifty but virtually shut the door on Saurashtra.

The scores:
Saurashtra — 1st innings: 98.
Rest of India — 1st innings: Abhimanyu Easwaran c Vasavada 0, Mayank Agarwal c (sub) b Sakariya 11, Yash Dhull c Desai b Unadkat 5, Hanuma Vihari c Desai b Jani 82, Sarfaraz Khan lbw b Jani 138, K.S. Bharat c Desai b Sakariya 12, Jayant Yadav c Desai b Sakariya 37, Saurabh Kumar c Patel b Sakariya 55, Mukesh Kumar c Mankad b Sakariya 11, Umran Malik (not out) 16, Kuldeep Sen run out 1; Extras (b-2, lb-2, w-2): 6; Total (in 110 overs): 374.
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-16, 3-18, 4-238, 5-239, 6-264, 7-335, 8-346, 9-373.
Saurashtra bowling: Unadkat 24-1-100-2, Sakariya 28-5-93-5, Jani 18-3-58-2, Mankad 13-4-27-0, Bhut 14-3-39-0, Dharmendra 13-3-53-0.
Saurashtra — 2nd innings: Harvik Desai c Vihari b Saurabh 20, Snell Patel c Sarfaraz b Saurabh 16, Chirag Jani (batting) 3, Dharmendra Jadeja (batting) 8; Extras (nb-2): 2; Total (for two wkts. in 17 overs): 49.
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-38.
Rest of India bowling: Mukesh 5-3-6-0, Sen 4-0-22-0, Umran 4-1-21-0, Saurabh 4-4-0-2.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Mysuru Division reigns supreme at Dasara Games

MYSURU: Mysuru Division with 157 points claimed the overall championship title in the three-day Dasara CM Cup 2022 games which concluded at the Chamundivihar sports complex here on Sunday. Bangalore City finished second with 135 points.

In athletics, Mysore Division clinched the overall title, and was followed by Bangalore City with 114 points. A total of seven new meet records were set in the three-day athletics meet.

Three new meet records were set on the final day of the meet.

The results: Athletics (winners only): Men: 200m: Jonathan Samuel George (B'luru C, 21.87s), **5000m:** Vaibhav Patil (B'luru C, 15:58.78s), **Triple jump:** B. Mahanth, (Mys, NMR, 15.25m; Old:15.04m, B.A. Karthik, Mys, 2016), **Javelin:** M.K. Vijay (B'luru C, 60.24m).
Women: 200m: H.R. Navami (Mys, 24.38s), **3000m:** Chaitra Devadiga (Mys, NMR, 10:05:72s; Old: 10:22.70s, Thippava Sannaki, Mys, 2012), **Javelin:** J.M. Suhasini (Belagavi, 31.15m), **Triple Jump:** G. Pavithra (Mys, NMR, 12.69m: Old: 12.38m, Joyline Lobo, B'luru C, 2013).

One for the books: Mysuru Division claimed the title in the three-day Dasara CM Cup 2022 games. M.A. SRIRAM

Champs: Various winners at the Karnataka State under-17 and under-15 badminton championship in Shivamogga. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Team events: Men: Hockey: 1. Bengaluru C, 2. Belagavi, 3. Mysuru. **Women:** 1. Mysuru, 2.Bengaluru (R), 3. Bengaluru C.
Judo: Men: Bengaluru C, 2. Bengaluru (R), 3. Mysuru. **Women:** 1.Belagavi, 2. Mysuru, 3. Bengaluru C.
Kabaddi: Men: 1. Bengaluru C, 2. Mysuru, 3. Bengaluru (R). **Women:** 1. Mysuru, 2. Belagavi, 3. Bengaluru C.
Lawn Tennis: Men: 1. Belagavi, 2. Kalburgi, 3. Mysuru.
Table Tennis: Men: 1. Bengaluru C, 2. Mysuru, 3. Kalburgi. **Women:** 1. Bengaluru C, 2. Belagavi, 3. Mysuru.
Volleyball: Men: 1. Mysuru, 2. Belagavi, 3. Bengaluru (R). **Women:** 1. Kalburgi, 2. Mysuru, 3. Belagavi.
Football: Men: 1. Mysuru, 2. Belagavi, 3. Bengaluru (R).
Handball: Men: 1. Bengaluru C, 2. Bengaluru (R), 3. Belagavi. **Women:** 1. Mysuru, 2. Bengaluru (R), 3. Bengaluru (C).
Badminton: Men: 1. Bengaluru C, 2. Belagavi, 3. Kalburgi & Mysuru. **Women:** 1.Mysuru, 2. Belagavi, 3. Bengaluru C.

Nicholas and Karnika win under-17 crowns

BENGALURU: Nicholas Nathan Raj and S. Karnika Sree emerged the boys' and girls' under-17 singles champions respectively at the Karnataka State under-17 and under-15 badminton championship in Shivamogga.

In the under-15 category, Dhyan Santosh clinched both the boys' singles and mixed doubles titles.

The results (finals): U-17: Boys: Nicholas Nathan Raj bt M.A. Laksh Chengappa 21-11, 21-15. **Girls:** S. Karnika Sree bt Gowri Vineeth Bhat 21-15, 14-21, 21-17 .
Doubles: Boys: Aarya T. Gowda & Saharsh S. Prabhu bt K.K. Abhishek & M.A. Laksh Chengappa 22-20, 21-16. **Girls:** Prathiksha Raj & Trivia Creda Veigas bt Vriddhi Ponnamma & Aditi Deepak Raj 22-20, 21-16. **Mixed:** K.K. Abhishek & Aradhana Balachandra bt Satvik Shankar & Karnika Sree 21-14, 17-21, 21-11.
U-15: Boys: Dhyan Santosh bt Ishan Kiran Naik 21-13, 21-16. **Girls:** Diya Bheemaiah bt Jade Anil 21-16, 21-10.
Doubles: Boys: Mayukh & S.R. Manish bt S. Pavan & S. Punith 21-19, 15-21, 21-15. **Girls:** Vriddhi Ponnamma & Aditi Deepak Raj bt M. Shaina & Aikya Shetty 21-17, 21-11. **Mixed:** Dhyan Santosh & Disha Santosh bt Mayukh & Jade Anil 21-17, 17-21, 21-18.

Nitin Kumar is SAI Dharwad's hero

Nitin Kumar starred for SAI Dharwad with 32 points as it defeated Merchants BC Davanagere 66-61 in a boys' category match of the State junior basketball championship at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Sunday.

The results: Boys: SAI Dharwad 66 (Nitin Kumar 32, Dev Charan 9) bt Merchants BC Davangere 61 (Vishnu 35, Darshan 10); YMMA 76 (Priyanshu 35, Dibyasreekant 21) bt Southern Blues 60 (Chirantan 18, Harsh Prathap 16); PPC 70 (Milind 23, Mihir 22) bt Young Orions SC 41 (Arun Kumar 15, A.V. Anubai 10); Rajmahal SC 72 (Varun Sudarshan 31, Varun Aditya 14) bt Spartan BC Nanjangud 48 (Namith 16, Ajith 13); Bharath SU 81 (Pranav Nair 16) bt Mangalore BC 53 (Harsh 12); Rovers BC Dharwad 69 (Varun 20) bt Pinakini BC Gauribidanur 27; VBC Mandya 49 (Amartya 10) bt Bangalore Sporting 21; Vijayanagar SC Mysore 73 (Uday 22, Aryan 19) bt YFBC Kolar 22 (Bhuvan 10); IBBC 56 (Skanda 20) bt YCBC Bellary 51 (Md. Roomah 20).

Girls: Mounts Club 53 (Nakshatra 12) bt PPC 19; DYES Vijayapura 63 (Aishwarya 22, Sakshi 16) bt Mallasajjan BC Dharwad 42 (Deepika 24).

Rajini, Balappa, Mathana and Jagruti take honours

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Rajini Krishnan, Mathana Kumar, Jagruti Penkar and Sarvesh Balappa clinched the titles in their respective categories as the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI National motorcycle racing championships on Sunday.

Provisional results (6 laps unless mentioned): National Championship: Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-2, 8 laps): 1. K.Y. Ahamed (Petronas TVS Racing) (15mins, 17.537secs), 2. Jagan Kumar (Petronas TVS Racing), 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Petronas TVS Racing). **Natl. champion:** Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1). **Team championship:** Petronas TVS Racing. **Manufacturers championship:** Yamaha.
Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-2, 8 laps): 1. Jagan (15:45.594), 2. Rajiv Sethu (Idemistu Honda SK69 Racing), 3. Senthil Kumar (Idemitsu Honda SK69 Racing).**Natl. champion:** Mathana Kumar (Tiruchi, Pacer Yamaha). **Team:** Pacer Yamaha. **Manufacturers:** Yamaha.
Novice (Stock 165cc, Race-2): 1. Kayan Zubin Patel (Axor Sparks Racing) (13:01.987), 2. Rohan Ramesh (Axor Sparks Racing), 3. Chiranth Vishwanath (Rookies Racing). **Natl. champion:** Sarvesh Balappa (Axor Sparks Racing). **Team:** Axor Sparks Racing. **Manufacturers:** Yamaha.
Girls (Stock 165cc, 5 laps): 1. Ryhana Bee (Pacer Yamaha) (11:00.132), 2. Jagruti Penkar (Axor Sparks Racing), 3. Aditi Krishnan (Winverve Apex Racing). **Natl. champion:** Jagruti. **Team:** Alpha Racing. **Manufacturers:** Yamaha.
Petronas TVS One-Make Championship: Open (Apache RR 310) Race-1: 1. Rahil Pillarisetty (11:46.885), 2. Manoj Yesuadiyan, 3. Ananthraj. **Race-2:** 1. Pillarisetty (11:46.127), 2. Ananthraj, 3. Yesuadian (11:46.437). **Champion:** Pillarisetty.
Rookie (Apache RTR 200, Race-2): 1. Chiranth (12:27.582), 2. Jinendra K. Sangave, 3. Savion Sabu. **Champion:** Chiranth.
Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: NSF 250 Open (Race-2, 10 laps): 1. Mohsin Paramban (18:40.383), 2. Shyam Sundar, 3. Rakshith Dave. **Champion:** Sarthak Shrikant Chavan.

Suryakumar and Rahul lead India's charge for a 2-0 lead

Miller's stunning, unbeaten century nearly gives the visitors an against-the-odds victory; the South African batter, who was left with too much to do, records his highest T20I score even as his team loses by 16 runs

Ruthless: Suryakumar collared the South African attack in his belligerent knock. K.R. DEEPAK

S. AFRICA IN INDIA

Ashwin Achal
GUWAHATI

A power-packed batting display gave India a 16-run win over South Africa in the second T20I here on Sunday. The home side wrapped up the three-match series 2-0.

India shut South Africa out of the contest by posting a mammoth 237 for three. The chase went nowhere, with captain Temba Bavuma conceding a maiden in the very first over, bowled by Deepak Chahar.

David Miller (106 n.o., 47b, 8x4, 7x6) had an earnest go at the target, and recorded his highest T20I score. Miller, however, was left with too much to do.

After being put in, India feasted on an ordinary South African bowling performance.

K.L. Rahul (57, 28b, 5x4, 4x6), Rohit Sharma (43, 37b, 7x4, 1x6), Virat Kohli (49 n.o., 28b, 7x4, 1x6) and Suryakumar Yadav (61, 22b, 5x4, 5x6) made merry.

Suryakumar, in particular, made maximum use of the wayward deliveries. He raced to his fifty in 18 balls by guiding a waist high full toss from Wayne Parnell over point for six. A run out brought Suryakumar's end in the 19th over, but by this point, the Mumbai batter had steered the game in India's favour. Suryakumar recorded the joint second-fastest fifty by an Indian in a T20I. K.L. Rahul played one of his best T20I knocks in recent times.

Virat Kohli was typically busy, rotating the strike and feasting on the bad balls.

The game was stopped for a brief period when a snake entered the field of play. Batters Rohit and Rahul spotted the intruder and pointed it out to the umpires. A few groundsmen entered with the right tools to extract the snake, even as the spectators and cricketers watched in shock.

There was a second interruption in store, this time when South Africa was batting. One of the floodlights stopped working, causing a significant delay. The players were forced to leave the field and wait for the lights to come back on.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
K.L. Rahul lbw b Maharaj 57 *(28b, 5x4, 4x6)*, Rohit Sharma c Stubbs b Maharaj 43 *(37b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Virat Kohli (not out) 49 *(28b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav run out 61 *(22b, 5x4, 5x6)*, Dinesh Karthik (not out) 17 *(7b, 1x4, 2x6)*; Extras (b-1, lb-3, nb-2, w-4): 10; Total (for three wkts. in 20 overs): 237.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-96 (Rohit, 9.5 ov), 2-107 (Rahul, 11.3), 3-209 (Suryakumar, 18.1).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING
Rabada 4-0-57-0, Parnell 4-0-54-0, Ngidi 4-0-49-0, Maharaj 4-0-23-2, Nortje 3-0-41-0, Markram 1-0-9-0.

SOUTH AFRICA
Temba Bavuma c Kohli b Arshdeep 0 *(7b)*, Quinton de Kock (not out) 69 *(48b, 3x4, 4x6)*, Rilee Rossouw c Karthik b Arshdeep 0 *(2b)*, Aiden Markram b Axar 33 *(19b, 4x4, 1x6)*, David Miller (not out) 106 *(47b, 8x4, 7x6)*; Extras (nb-3, w-10) 13; Total (for three wkts. in 20 overs): 221.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-1 (Bavuma, 1.2), 2-1 (Rossouw, 1.4), 3-47 (Markram, 6.2).

INDIA BOWLING
Chahar 4-1-24-0, Arshdeep 4-0-62-2, Ashwin 4-0-37-0, Axar 4-0-53-1, Harshal 4-0-45-0.

Toss: South Africa.

India won by 16 runs to lead the three-match series 2-0.

Rajat Patidar, Mukesh Kumar earn maiden ODI call-ups

Amol Karhadkar
RAJKOT

Rajat Patidar, the Madhya Pradesh batter, and Bengal speedster Mukesh Kumar have earned maiden India call-up for the three-match ODI series versus South Africa.

With the T20 World Cup-bound cricketers set to leave for Australia even before the ODI series is to begin, only Mohammed Siraj and Shreyas Iyer - who are set to join the squad as back-up after the series, were selected from the Australia-bound players.

As a result, Shikhar Dhawan will continue to lead in ODIs, with Shreyas as his deputy. Patidar has had a phenomenal domestic season across formats and the Indian Premier League while Mukesh has been a revelation for the last three years.

Mukesh. FILE PHOTO

Barring the two newcomers, the selectors have stuck to the same squad that featured in India's ODI series in the West Indies. While Ishan Kishan and Sanju Samson have both been included as wicket-keepers, it will be interesting to see if Shahbaz Ahmed and Rahul Tripathi are handed a debut during the series.

With Mohammed Siraj having been selected in India's ODI squad, Umran Malik will have company of three others pacers as back-up cum net bowlers during India's pre-T20 World Cup training stint in Australia.

The Hindu understands that besides Umran, speedster Kuldeep Sen and left-arm pace duo of Chetan Sakariya and Mukesh Choudhary will also leave for Perth on Oct. 6. While Umran, Sen and Sakariya are playing in the ongoing Irani Cup tie, Choudhary is training in Pune at the moment.

The squad: Shikhar Dhawan (Capt.), Shreyas Iyer (Vice-capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Rajat Patidar, Rahul Tripathi, Ishan Kishan (wk), Sanju Samson (wk), Shahbaz Ahmed, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Ravi Bishnoi, Mukesh Kumar, Avesh Khan, Mohd. Siraj and Deepak Chahar.

The fixtures: Oct. 6 (Lucknow), Oct. 9 (Ranchi), Oct. 11 (New Delhi).

Focus on Shafali as she looks to regain her form

Shafali. GETTY IMAGES

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SYLHET

Shafali Verma couldn't have asked for an easier opponent to regain her mojo as a confident India get ready to maul Malaysia in its second T20 match of the women's Asia Cup here on Monday.

Shafali, who has endured a dismal run, would want to come out all guns blazing and may take this opportunity to try an alternate batting approach as her natural game has not been yielding success off late.

The 18-year-old has not scored a T20I half-century since March last year but played a couple of good knocks at the Commonwealth Games.

The scores:

On Sunday: Sri Lankan Women 109/9 in 20 overs (Mahika Gaur 3/21) bt UAE 54/7 in 11 overs (SL won by 11 runs via D/L method). Malaysia Women 57/9 in 20 overs (Omaima Sohail 3/19) lost to Pakistan Women 61/1 in 9 overs.

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African dominance: It was a memorable Sunday for Kenya's Kipruto and Ethiopia's Yehualaw. AP

Amos Kipruto runs to his maiden victory

Yehualaw storms to a win in women's race ahead of last year's champion Jepkosgei; Gebresilase finishes second among the men while Bekele digs deep to finish fifth

LONDON MARATHON

Reuters
LONDON

Kenyan Amos Kipruto won his first London Marathon title on Sunday and Ethiopia's Yalemzerf Yehualaw stormed to victory in the women's race ahead of last year's winner Joyciline Jepkosgei.

Kipruto made a move with five kilometres left and finished in two hours four minutes and 39 seconds to take his first marathon title after coming second to World record holder Eliud Kipchoge in Japan in March.

Yehualaw, 23, who only ran her first competitive marathon in April in Germany, winning it with the fastest debut time in history and an Ethiopian record, was equally impressive after making light work of the field in London.

Falling away

Without home favourite Mo Farah, who withdrew with a hip injury, and Kipchoge absent after smashing his own marathon record in Berlin last week, the other big names fell away in the latter stages of the men's race.

Veteran Kenenisa Bekele, the second fastest marathoner of all time and one of the greatest distance runners in history, dropped off the leading group as did last year's champion, Ethiopian Sisay Lemma.

Kipruto's title on debut in London never looked in doubt after that as he crossed the line well ahead of Ethiopian Leul Gebresilase in second followed by Somali-born Belgian Bashir Abdi in third. Bekele dug deep to finish fifth.

In the absence of World record holder and twice London Marathon champion Brigid Kosgei, who withdrew due to a hamstring injury, seven women had pulled clear by the halfway stage, led by Ethiopia's Ashete Bekere.

One by one the leading group dropped out, with Yehualaw, who fell at the 33-kilometre mark, and Kenyan Jepkosgei picking up the pace to open up a gap over the field with five kilometres remaining.

Yehualaw established a commanding lead in the closing stages, crossing the line in two hours, 17 minutes and 25 seconds. She finished ahead of Jepkosgei and Ethiopia's Alemu Megertu in the third place.

Miss Marvellous should score in Hanamkonda Cup

RACING

HYDERABAD: The six-year-old Miss Marvellous, who is running on a demotion from Class III to Class IV, may score over her rivals in the Hanamkonda Cup, the feature event of Monday's races.

1 LOYAL MANZAR PLATE (1,800m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III), 1. 20 p.m.: 1. Arrowtown (1) Santosh Raj 62, 2. Jack Daniel (2) R.S. Jodha 62, 3. New Hustle (7) B. Nikhil 62, 4. Silver Lining (4) Afroz Khan 61.5, 5. Sweet Melody (8) Surya Prakash 61.5, 6. Akash (5) Deepak Singh 60.5, 7. Amalfitana (6) Ajeeth Kumar 60.5 and 8. Open Affair (3) Mohit Singh 56.5.
1. ARROWTOWN,
2. SWEET MELODY,
3. AMALFITANA

2 NIRMAL PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.55: 1. Unmatched (2) Srinath 60, 2. Juramento (8) Akshay Kumar 59, 3. Aiza (5) Aneel 55.5, 4. Inderdhanush (4) Abhay Singh 54, 5. My Master (3) Gaurav Singh 53, 6. Janasu (9) Ajeeth Kumar 52.5, 7. Euphoria (10) D.S. Deora 52, 8. Exponent (7) Surya Prakash 52, 9. Kachnar (6) Khurshad Alam 52 and 10. Wandring Warrior (1) B. Nikhil 52.
1. JURAMENTO,
2. UNMATCHED,
3. MY MASTER

3 NOBLE QUEST PLATE (DIV. I) (1,100m), Maiden, 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.35: 1. Wind Sprite (5) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Avancia (9) Deepak Singh 59, 3. Lights On (6) R.S. Jodha 57.5, 4. Pancho (1) Madhu Babu 57, 5. Stay Smart (10) B. Nikhil 57, 6. Exclusive Luck (8) Md. Ismail 55.5, 7. N R I Secret (3) G. Naresh 55.5, 8. Precious Gift (4) Santosh Raj 55.5, 9. Hoping Cloud (7) Mohit Singh 55 and 10. This Is me (2) Rafique Sk. 54.5.
1. WIND SPRITE,
2. AVANCIA,
3. PRECIOUS GIFT

4 HANAMKONDA CUP (1,600m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.10: 1. Miss Marvellous (4) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Prime Gardenia (8) Santosh Raj 60, 3. Explosive (3) Ajeeth Kumar 56.5, 4. Ice Berry (2) Gaurav Singh 56.5, 5. Pinatubo (9) D.S. Deora 56, 6. Forever Bond (1) Surya Prakash 54.5, 7. Queen Blossom (6) Md. Ismail 54.5, 8. Team Player (5) Afroz Khan 53 and 9. Call Of The Blue (7) Abhay Singh 50.5.
1. MISS MARVELLOUS,
2. EXPLOSIVE,
3. PRIME GARDENIA

5 MYSORE RACE CLUB CUP (DIV. II) (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.45: 1. Angel Tesoro (2) Abhay Singh 60, 2. Isra (5) Aneel 58.5, 3. Ok Boss (10) Santosh Raj 58.5, 4. N R I Blue (8) G. Naresh 55, 5. Salisbury (6) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 6. Starwalt (3) Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 7. Dillon (7) B. Nikhil 54, 8. Archangels (9) Akshay Kumar 52.5, 9. Fatuma (4) Gaurav Singh 52 and 10. Its On (1) D.S. Deora 51.
1. OK BOSS,
2. STARWALT,
3. ANGEL TESORO

6 BANGALORE TURF CLUB CUP (DIV. II) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.20: 1. Malibu (10) Srinath 60, 2. Dyanoosh (6) Ajeeth Kumar 58.5, 3. Crimson Rose (3) Akshay Kumar 57.5, 4. Vision Of Rose (1) Santosh Raj 57, 5. Thunder Road (9) Gaurav Singh 56.5, 6. High Reward (2) R.S. Jodha 55.5, 7. Exclusive Spark (8) Mohit Singh 55, 8. Flamingo Fame (7) Neeraj 54, 9. Blazing Jupiter (4) Kuldeep Singh 51.5 and 10. Raniji (5) Abhay Singh 50.5.
1. CRIMSON ROSE,
2. MALIBU,
3. FLAMINGO FAME

7 NOBLE QUEST PLATE (DIV. II) (1,000m) Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.55: 1. Above The Law (5) Md. Ismail 60, 2. Plethora (3) R.S. Jodha 60, 3. The Hambone (4) Santosh Raj 58.5, 4. Sopranos (10) Akshay Kumar 58, 5. Force (6) Afroz Khan 56.5, 6. Ikra (7) Aneel 56.5, 7. Life's Living (9) Kiran Naidu 56.5, 8. Toque Blanche (2) Khurshad Alam 56.5, 9. Purple Rock (1) Gaurav Singh 56 and 10. Alina (8) Ajeeth Kumar 55.
1. PLETHORA,
2. SOPRANOS,
3. ABOVE THE LAW

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Tanala: All races.

Salento claims the Deccan Derby in style

HYDERABAD: Trainer Arjun Manglorkar's Salento, piloted by Antony Raj S, won the Coromandel Gromor Deccan Derby (Gr. 1), the stellar attraction of Sunday's (Oct. 2) races here.

The winner is owned by M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP., M/s. Rapar's Galloping Stars LLP., Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta & Mr. Rajan Agarwal.

Antony kept this son of Speaking Of Which and Peninsula comfortably fourth throughout the race and as the field entered the home straight, Salento cruised into the lead to claim the race by more than four lengths.

1. TURF AUTHORITIES OF INDIA CUP (1,400m), rated 80 and above (Cat. I): **PREMIER ACTION** (Afroz Khan) 1, Top Secret (D.S. Deora) 2, Super Angel (Abhay Singh) 3 and Scramjet (Suraj Narredu) 4. Not run: Victory Parade and Knight Templar. 3/4, 1-1/4 and Nk. 1m, 26.48s. ₹60 (w), 20 and 22 (p). SHP: 47, THP: 25, SHW: 23 and 12, FP: 413, Q: 157, Tanala: c/f. Favourite: Scramjet.

Owners: Mr. Harisharan Devgan & Mr. Tinder S. Ahluwalia. Trainer: L. D' Silva.

2. DELHI RACE CLUB CUP (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated upto 25: **SEA OF CLASS** (B.R. Kumar) 1, That's My Way (Afroz Khan) 2, Red River (R.S. Jodha) 3 and Cephalonia (B. Nikhil) 4. 2-3/4, 3/4 and 1-1/2. 1m, 30.19s. ₹79 (w), 16, 28 and 16 (p). SHP: 84, THP: 54, SHW: 26 and 54, FP: 553, Q: 400, Tanala: 2,822. Favourite: Muaser.

Owners: M/s. Sreeramulu Bommishetty, Abhimanyu Vinod Sigtia, Ashok Rupani, Seerama Suresh & Chalapathi Rao Parimi.

Trainer: S. Sreekant.

3. BANGALORE TURF CLUB CUP (DIV. I) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **ELUSIVE** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Carlisle (B.R. Kumar) 2, Divine Connection (R.S. Jodha) 3 and First Class (D.S. Deora) 4. 1-1/4, 3 and 3/4. 1m, 14.04s. ₹13 (w), 11, 17 and 24 (p). SHP: 39, THP: 64, SHW: 12 and 28, FP: 37, Q: 35, Tanala: 251. Favourite: Elusive.

Owner: Mr. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP.

Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

4. MADRAS RACE CLUB CUP (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **BLACK ONYX** (D.S. Deora) 1, Ashwa Morocco (Antony Raj) 2, By The Bay (Yash Narredu) 3 and Lifes Song (Srinath) 4. 1-1/4, 2 and Nose, 1m, 12.91s. ₹72 (w), 18, 14 and 44 (p). SHP: 42, THP: 99, SHW: 36 and 15, FP: 226, Q: 109, Tanala: 4,258. Favourite: Ballerina.

Owner: Mr. Rajeev Sharma.

Trainer: Magan Singh.

5. ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB CUP (1,200m), rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II): **NEW LOOK** (R.S. Jodha) 1, Staridar (Neeraj) 2, Stunning Force (Suraj Narredu) 3 and Amyra (B.R. Kumar) 4. Not run: Chuckit. 3-1/2, 1/2 and Hd. 1m, 12.70s. ₹48 (w), 14, 35 and 14 (p). SHP: 124, THP: 51, SHW: 33 and 67, FP: 754, Q: 451, Tanala: 3,036. Favourite: Falcon Edge.

Owners: Kunwar Digvijay Singh Shekhawat & Mr. Praveen Kumar Katakam.

Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

6. ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **N R I SPORT** (Santosh Raj) 1, Arthur (Akshay Kumar) 2, Akido (Gaurav Singh) 3 and Shazam (D.S. Deora) 4. Hd, 1-1/2 and 5. 1m, 26.77s. ₹204 (w), 31, 10 and 27 (p). SHP: 49, THP: 71, SHW: 49 and 13, FP: 574, Q: 91, Tanala: 4,111. Favourite: Arthur.

Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male.

Trainer: G. Shashikanth.

7. COROMANDEL GROMOR DECCAN DERBY (GR. 1) (2,000M) (TERMS), 3-Y-O ONLY: SALENTO (SPEAKING OF WHICH – PENINSULA) (ANTONY RAJ S) 1,
Ashwa Magadheera (Kingda Ka – Mesmerized) (Suraj Narredu) 2, Shabelle (Sanus Per Aquam – Schiavone) (P. Trevor) 3
and Artemis Ignacia (Excellent Art – Windsor Manor) (P.S. Chouhan) 4.
4-3/4, 2-1/4 and Nk. 2m, 4.45s. ₹33 (w), 13, 13 and 13 (p). SHP: 38, THP: 45, SHW: 16 and 21, FP: 135, Q: 45, Tanala: 206. Favourite: Ashwa Magadheera. Owners: M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP., M/s. Rapar's Galloping Stars LLP., Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta & Mr. Rajan Agarwal.

Trainer: Arjun Manglorkar.

8. MYSORE RACE CLUB CUP (DIV. I) (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **FLY TOTHE STARS** (P.S. Chouhan) 1, Spectacular Cruise (Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Dream Station (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Pedro Planet (Afroz Khan) 4. 2-1/2, Nose and Shd. 1m, 28.17s. ₹39 (w), 14, 30 and 14 (p). SHP: 84, THP: 63, SHW: 19 and 35, FP: 247, Q: 167, Tanala: 1,359. Favourite: Dream Station.

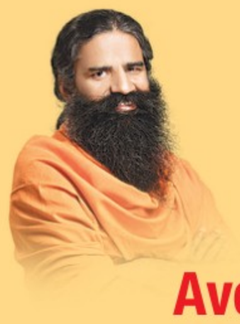
Owner & Trainer: Mr. S.A. Shezad Abbas.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹1,19,583 (10 tkts.) & 30%: 12,500 (41 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 7,746 (29 tkts.), (ii) 15,669 (13 tkts.).

Treble : (i) 2000 (39 tkts.), (ii) 824 (127 tkts.), (iii) 3,650 (46 tkts.).

Worthy winner: Salento (Antony Raj astride) being led in by trainer Arjun Mangalorkar and owners Gautam Aggarwal, Rajan Aggarwal, Joydeep Datta Gupta, Arun Alagappan and Rajendran Sabanaygam. G. RAMAKRISHNA



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